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RECORD GST MOP-UP IN MARCH '21 AS COLLECTIONS TOUCH ₹1.24L-CR

The revenue crossed the ₹1-lakh-crore mark for the 6th straight month. This month's tally is 27% above the March '20 collection

HIGHEST SINCE INTRODUCTION OF GST

Of the total revenue, Central GST stood at ₹22,973 crore, State GST was ₹29,329 crore, integrated GST accounted for ₹62,842 crore (including ₹31,097 crore collected on import of goods) while cess amounted to ₹8,757 crore (including ₹935 crore on import of goods). The finance ministry said March's figures are the highest since the introduction of GST

MARKER OF POST PANDEMIC RECOVERY?

- The steady increase in GST collections over the past six months could be a marker of rapid economic recovery post pandemic
- Closer monitoring against fake-billing, deep data analytics using data from multiple sources and effective tax administration have also contributed to the increase in GST revenue | P12

₹58,852 cr

REVENUE OF CENTRE AND STATES FOR CGST; THE EARNING IS `60,559 CRORE FOR SGST

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

Sporadic incidents of violence reported elsewhere in West Bengal also; voting percentage high in Assam Phase II

NANDIGRAM DRAMA, VIOLENCE MARK BIG TURNOUT IN W BENGAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kolkata/Guwahati

A high voter turnout of 80.43 pc and 77.21 pc was recorded in West Bengal and Assam, respectively, on Thursday but the highlight of the second phase of polling was the high drama in Nandigram, followed by Mamata Banerjee accusing the BJP of rigging the polls and the Election Commission of inaction. Sporadic violence was reported in other parts of Bengal, too, as voting took place in 30 assembly constituencies spread over East and West Midnapore, Bankura and South 24 Parganas districts. In Assam, polling for 39 seats across 13 districts was largely peaceful, barring one incident.

Pitted against her aide-turned-rival Suvendu Adhikari, the Bengal chief minister rushed to booth no. 7 at Boyal in Nandigram claiming she had received complaints that TMC's polling agents were not allowed at the polling station. As she argued with senior police officers, BJP supporters assembled outside and raised *Jai Sri Ram* slogans. A group of TMC supporters, too, gathered and shouted *Khela Hobe*. As the two groups clashed, hurling stones and trading abuses, Mamata called up Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and alleged that bogus voting was taking place on a massive scale while central force remained mute spectators.

The TMC chief wrote a complaint letter to the Election Commission, accusing it of inaction on 63 complaints lodged by her party, and threatened to move court. She accused the central forces and the EC of acting at the behest of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The poll panel, however, cited its general observer's report to state that there was no disruption in voting at polling station number 7. Despite her allegations of poll fraud, Mamata claimed victory even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi took potshots at her saying "Your body language is showing you have accepted your defeat in Nandigram". P9

FIGURES THAT MATTER

WEST BENGAL
80.43% polling in Bengal's 30 Assembly constituencies, including Nandigram

10,620 ballot units and an equal number of control units and VVPATs used in Bengal

ASSAM
77.21% in Assam's 39 Assembly constituencies

10,819 ballot units, 10,592 control units and as many VVPATs used in Assam

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a polling station during the second phase of Assembly polls at Boyal in Nandigram on Thursday | PTI

After SOS calls from candidates and PMO stinker, savings rate cut nixed

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE Finance Ministry on Thursday rescinded its controversial order slashing interest rates on small savings within 12 hours of issuing it, following social media backlash, panic calls from BJP functionaries of poll-bound states, and a sharply worded directive from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

On Wednesday evening, the ministry had issued an order cutting interest rates applicable on various small savings schemes by 50-110 basis points for April-June 2021 period.

The decision, announced a day before phase-2 voting in Bengal and Assam, drew widespread criticism. Sources said some BJP candidates, too, made calls to the PMO.

West Bengal contributes the most to small savings, according to National Savings Institute data. Of the total gross small savings collections of ₹5.96 lakh crore in FY18, collections from West Bengal were ₹90,000 crore.

Early on Thursday morning, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman took it upon herself to do damage control. "The interest rates of small savings schemes will continue to be the same as in the last quarter of 2020-21. Orders issued by oversight shall be withdrawn," she tweeted.

Sources said the order was supposed to be made public next week but got out early due to "bureaucratic error". "As it was financial year-end closing (March 31), the order went public. It has been corrected now," said an official.

State logs 11% jump in March GST revenue

RAMU PATIL @ Bengaluru

Despite the threat of a second wave of Covid-19 pandemic looming large, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in Karnataka during March 2021 has been 11 per cent more compared to the same period last year.

In March 2020, the GST collection was Rs 7,144.30 crore, and it went up to Rs 7,914.98 crore last month, indicating a recovery in the economy and tax collection.

"Major growth in agriculture, industry, services sector and entrepreneurial skills are the reasons for more revenue collection in the state," Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is also Karnataka's representative in the GST Council, told The New Indian Express on Thursday. According to him, the increase in tax collection shows efficient finance management by the government under the leadership of B S Yediyurappa, and the entrepreneurial prowess of the state.

Member of GST Consultative Committee, Government of Karnataka, B T Manohar, said the increase in GST revenue collection indicates effective tax administration, better compliance, enforcement, implementation of e-invoice and monitoring of e-way bills.

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Excise revenue too sees uptick

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

DESPITE a bleak financial year, the State Excise revenue for 2020-21 has increased by 7.17 per cent in comparison to the previous financial year of 2019-20. The Department has collected Rs 23,131.28 crore revenue against a Budget estimate of Rs 22,700 crore for the year 2020-21, registering an increase of Rs 1,547.33 crore over the previous financial year. The Excise revenue collection for 2019-20 was Rs 21,583.95 crore against a Budget estimate of Rs 20,950 crore.

The financial gains are being pegged to the two-time increase of the Additional Excise Duty across all slabs of Indian Made Liquor (IML) in May last year, soon after government allowed the re-opening of retail liquor stores and MSIL stores to mop up an additional Rs 2,500 crore revenue.

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Bengaluru loses its cool as Sun beats down

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IF you have been feeling muggy over the last few days, it's because the mercury level in Bengaluru has been steadily climbing. On Wednesday (March 31), the city recorded a maximum temperature of 37.2 degrees Celsius, a mark which it had touched four years ago on March 26, 2017.

According to India Meteorological Department, the maximum temperature on March 30 this year, was 35.4 degrees Celsius and on April 1, it was 36.7 degrees Celsius.

Bengaluru had recorded an all-time high of 37.3 degrees Celsius on March 29, 1996. On March 8, 2018, the city recorded maximum temperature of 37 degrees Celsius and on March 31, 2020, it touched 36.1 degrees Celsius. P7

EXPRESS READ

Offline lessons for classes 6-9 suspended

Bengaluru: The state govt has decided to suspend offline lessons for students of classes 6 to 9 in Bengaluru due to the steep rise in Covid positive cases. On-campus classes for SSLC, PUC I and II students will continue | P2

Karnataka now has 2nd highest number of active Covid-19 cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA now stands second among states with the highest number of active Covid-19 cases at 30,865, even as it crossed the 10 lakh-mark on Thursday with a tally of 10,01,238 cases since the start of the pandemic on March 8, 2020. Maharashtra, with 3,56,243 active cases — well over ten times Karnataka's figure — is at the top.

Karnataka first touched the one lakh-mark on September 10, 2020, with 1,01,537 active cases, and then again on September 16, 17 and 18. The numbers dipped for a few days before climbing back to the one lakh-mark and continuing from September 26 to October 21. On October 10 last year, the state recorded the highest number of active cases at 1,20,929 cases.

From then on, there had been a steady decline to just above the 7,000-mark in January third week this year, after which the numbers have been on the rise again due to the second wave.

As per data from the crowd-sourced website covid19india.org, 15,217 out of every 10 lakh people in Karnataka have tested positive for the virus, while for every 100 confirmed cases, three are currently infected.

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STATE'S SECOND WAVE BATTLE

4,234 NEW CASES

18 NEW DEATHS

4.65% POSITIVITY RATE

- Karnataka crosses 10 lakh positive cases on Thursday with a tally of 10,01,238
- State will see 10.7 lakh positive cases by May 1 and 11.2 lakh by Sept, according to IISc researchers

Vax drive on all days in April to enhance coverage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ON a day the Covid-19 inoculation for all people above the age of 45 began, the Centre on Thursday said the shots would be given on all days, including gazetted holidays, throughout April at all public and private vaccination centres.

The decision seeks to arrest a steep decline in the number of people getting vaccinated against the backdrop of sharp rise in number of cases amid the outbreak of the second wave. Till Thursday, over 63 million people have been vaccinated, translating into just 4.5 doses per 100 people.

The fresh measure was recommended by the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration and was taken after deliberations with all states on Wednesday, the Health Ministry said. The rationale behind the decision is to optimally utilise all vaccination centres for increased coverage. P10

Drive goes off smoothly in Karnataka

Bengaluru: The vaccination drive for people aged above 45 went off smoothly in the state with no shortage of vaccines. In all, 50,620 people got the 1st dose of the vaccine, while 396 people got the second dose. P3

The day when we honour and salute our brave policemen for their selfless service, courage, valour and dedication - Police Flag Day.

Tributes to the unwavering dedication to duty of our Police

Chief Guest
Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Presided By
Sri Basavaraj Bommai
Hon'ble Minister for Home, Law & Parliamentary Affairs

Date: 02.04.2021, Friday. Time: 08.00 AM
Venue: K.S.R.P. Parade Ground, Koramangala, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA STATE POLICE
POLICE FLAG DAY
02.04.2021

Buy a Police Flag and Contribute to the Police Welfare Fund
₹ 50, ₹ 100, ₹ 500, ₹ 1000, ₹ 2000

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STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask · 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing · Maintain Hand Hygiene

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CHARISMA, TALENT, EFFORT

...And the Phalke Award goes to Thalaivar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THERE are superstars and then there is Rajinikanth. The stylish actor, born Shivajirao Gaekwad, who has earned himself a demi-God status with his inimitable on-screen mannerisms and performances, will be presented the prestigeous Dada Saheb Phalke Award, the highest honour for an artiste in Indian cinema, for the year 2019, on May 3.

Rajinikanth will be the fourth star from South Indian cinema after Akkineni Nageswara Rao, Sivaji Ganesan, and Dr Rajkumar to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke award. The actor now joins an illustrious list of film personalities to have been conferred this award, including his mentor K Balachander, Satyajit Ray, Amitabh Bachchan, Raj Kapoor, Dilip Kumar, Gulzar, Lata Mangeshkar, Adoor Gopalakrishnan, and K Vishwanath.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar, who made the announcement on Thursday, said, "A jury consisting of Asha Bhonsle, Mohanlal, Biswajit Chatterjee, Shankar Mahadevan and Subhash Ghai unanimously decided to nominate Rajinikanth for the award, and we have accepted the nomination. For the last 50-odd years, he has been the uncrowned king of cinema."

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ACTOR TWEETS

"My heartfelt thanks to the Central government, PM Modi, and Union Minister Prakash Javadekar and the jury for conferring upon me the prestigious award."

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ALMANAC TODAY
Friday: 02/04/2021 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Uttharayana
Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Phalguna • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Panchami 1.25 pm
Nakshatra: Anuradha 10.13 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 35°C
FORECAST
Morning clouds

Sunrise 6.15 am
Sunset 6.31 pm
Moonrise 11.21 pm
Moonset 10.03 am

The new BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta (left) takes charge from his predecessor N Manjunatha Prasad in Bengaluru on Thursday | SHRIRAM BN

Will take call on B'luru Karaga: New BBMP chief

New, outgoing BBMP chiefs stress on Covid management; seek people's cooperation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SOON after taking charge as the new BBMP Chief Commissioner, Gaurav Gupta got to work on Thursday. He held a meeting with the health section of BBMP to take stock of the Covid situation and management in the city.

He told the media that even as the government has prohibited protest, rallies and agitations, nothing has been discussed about Bengaluru Karaga so far. The matter will be discussed with the government and a decision will be taken.

"Commissioner is the executive head of the BBMP, so all resources will be looked into and will be utilised well. I have worked as the administrator for six months and seen the problems closely. Hence, I have also gathered information on what could be done. Manjunatha Prasad (former BBMP Commissioner, now Principal Secretary of Revenue Department), has already listed out what is being done to manage the Covid situation and what work needs to be done to control the spread. People's support and cooperation is a must for whatever we do. Citizens must follow all protocols and avoid crowded places," Gupta said.

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>
> Gaurav Gupta, BBMP Chief Commissioner

Prasad said coronavirus is now spreading faster in the second phase, so stress was being laid on contact tracing and all state and central government guidelines are being adhered to. "It has been assessed that most of the infected people are between the age of 20 and 40 years and the deaths are of those between 60 and 90 years. Hence, the strategy was early detection and isolation of infected, especially senior citizens. Orders were also issued to private hospitals to reserve 10 per cent beds of Covid patients. Now, work is being done to reserve up to 50 per cent beds, as it was earlier, sue to the spike in Covid cases," he added. He said that so far only PHCs were given orders to vaccinate people, but now work has also started to begin vaccination drive in sub-centres, like those in industrial areas and those which are affiliated with private hospitals, so that more people can be vaccinated.

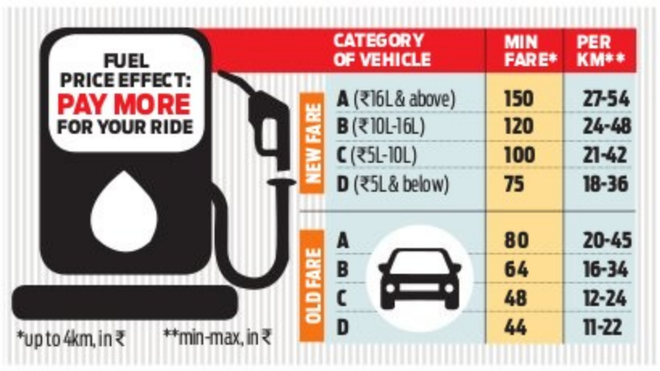
Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department and the new BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh soon after taking charge said, "Governance is a dynamic process and everybody has been doing an excellent job. In the coming days, Covid and monsoon will be the challenges for us and we are working on it," he added.

TAKING A CAB WILL COST A LOT MORE

MG CHETAN & S LALITHA
@Bengaluru

TAKING a cab will cost you more, with the State government increasing fares of app-based taxi services across the state. The Transport department issued a notification on Thursday, stating that the new fares will be implemented with immediate effect, owing to increase in fuel price and maintenance cost of vehicles. Following the suicide of a KSTDC cab driver at Kempegowda International Airport, leaders of various driver unions met senior officials of the department on Wednesday, and demanded that a uniform fare be introduced for taxis, besides revision of fares. The last fare revision was done in 2018.

As per the notification, vehicles are classified into four categories based on their value: Vehicles ₹16 lakh and more are classified as 'A', vehicles under ₹5 lakh value are classified as 'D' category.



	CATEGORY OF VEHICLE	MIN FARE*	PER KM**
NEW FARE	A (₹16L & above)	150	27-54
	B (₹10L-16L)	120	24-48
	C (₹5L-10L)	100	21-42
	D (₹5L & below)	75	18-36
OLD FARE	A	80	20-45
	B	64	16-34
	C	48	12-24
	D	44	11-22

*up to 4km, in ₹ **min-max, in ₹

The waiting period is increased to 20 minutes, from 15 minutes earlier. After 20 minutes, the passenger has to pay ₹10 for every 15 minutes. "Passengers should not be charged on the basis of time, and the fare fixed by the government should be charged. Aggregators can collect toll charges and GST from passengers," the notification stated.

Welcoming the new tariff, Tanveer Pasha, president, Ola Uber Drivers and Owners Association, said, "The Transport department principal secretary sought four days' time to arrive at a solution but has done it much earlier than expected. However, we need clarifications on different aspects of the order. We will meet him on Saturday and seek clarity. If it does not satisfy us, we will decide on the next course of action."

Taxi services resume

Bengaluru: Taxi services began its full-fledged operations on Thursday across the city. Taxis run by KSTDC, which had refused to ply on Wednesday, also began operations following assurances from the government. Taxi drivers had protested to express their solidarity with KSTDC taxi driver Pratap, who immolated himself due to slump in earnings. DCP A K Baba told TNIE, "The government has promised to resolve the issue within the next four days." ENS

Pasha said the order specifies rates "for cab aggregators and taxis", but had come out with a separate tariff for taxis in 2018. Besides, under 'C' category in which most trips figure, the minimum fare is fixed as ₹21/km. "Will Ola and Uber taxis adhere to this and not settle for a lesser price? If they are willing to accept this minimum fare, it will be a blessing for all taxi operators."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Helipads, heliports to get boost in state soon: Tourism minister

Bengaluru: The state government is likely to revive its plans for heli-tourism. Karnataka Tourism Minister C P Yogeshwar on Thursday said the government was working on speeding up improvements in the tourism sector. Heliports and helipads will come up in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi, Kalaburgi and Ballari. He said, "To ensure the heli-rides are affordable for all, we will hold talks with HAL and private firms. We will also speak to the tourism departments in Goa and Kerala to ensure people use these services." He said that sea planes, under the Udan scheme, will also be introduced in the coastal areas. A team of officials will be taken to Himachal Pradesh and Jammu to study how ropeways can be effectively set up in the state at Nandi Hills, Madugiri monolith, Nrupatunga Hills and Anjanadri Hills. ENS

Making nation safer: 100 women in military corps to storm new bastion

SANATH PRASAD @ Bengaluru

THE first batch of 100 women in the Corps of Military Police (CMP) have almost completed their training and will graduate as Lance Naiks on May 8 after a year of rigorous training.

This is the first time that the CMP has recruited women in posts below the rank of officer, said Lieutenant Colonel Julee Singh, Corps of Army Air Defence, adding that the aim is to make women military police a force multiplier.

Once they graduate, the sepoys — as the trainee Lance Naiks are called — will be assigned various roles in 11 locations across the country. These include military operations, frisking women at check posts and during search operations, investigating sexual assaults such as rape, molestation and sexual harassment in family quarters.

Among those recruited include eight from Karnataka, 26 from Haryana, 27 from Uttar Pradesh, two from Himachal Pradesh, six from Kerala, one each from Delhi, Punjab and Rajasthan, two from the Northeast, and one or two from other states.

The first batch of women cadets in the Corps of Military Police (CMP) take part in a combat training session at the CMP Centre in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM BN

According to CMP's data, most of the sepoys have a background in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and are aged between 19-21. Eighty of the women are still undergraduates who will be allowed to complete their studies after they graduate from the CMP Centre and School.

"My father served in the 130 Air Defence regiment. That motivated me to join in the Army," said Jyoti M Hanchinamani, a 22-year-old BSc second-year student, who hails from Bailhongal. But her choice of career comes with its quirks. "Many people in my village did not recognise me (when I visited) due to the army-style haircut," she says.

Arithi Talwar, from Kagawad in Belagavi adapted early to the training. "I struggled for a weeks, but managed to perform well in physical tests due my NCC training," she says. Ask her which part of the training she liked best, and the 22-year-old promptly replies: "Investigating crimes".

Regular school suspended for Classes 6-9 in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DUE to the rise in Covid cases over the last week in the city, the state government has decided to suspend school for Classes 6 to 9 in Bengaluru till further notification. Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said, "The decision was taken while considering the spike in Covid cases and keeping in mind the health of students," a release from the minister said.

Earlier, the Covid Technical Advisory Committee had also advised to close schools for those classes whose examinations are not mandatory as there were many students who tested positive and they could also be super spreaders. The matter was discussed with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and the decision was taken.

Vidyagama programmes for students in Bengaluru will also be stopped.

SSLC classes to continue

Offline classes for SSLC, PUC I and II will continue as usual and the Suresh Kumar clarified that there will be no changes in that. However, attendance is not mandatory. Examinations for these classes will also be held according to the time table issued.

"The situation has been explained to the CM and the decision has been taken after that," said the release from Suresh Kumar. However, after the increase in Covid cases, many private school managements had already shifted classes to online mode as attendance on campus.

Meanwhile, guidelines on the conduct of the final examination for these classes will be notified soon. Also, this order of suspension of physical classes applies only to Bengaluru schools and not in other districts.

The decision regarding other districts will be taken soon.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02nd April: Do you believe that we have been visited by aliens from other planets, or even from other galaxies? I know lots of people do, but I'm not sure. One question is why don't they reveal themselves to the world as a whole? Why are they so secretive? We may contact other civilisations one day, and I'm happy to wait!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Recent developments may have hurt your case just as you seemed to be doing so well. Get back on course before partners and colleagues begin to doubt your ability to succeed. Socially and romantically, you're on a good path, so make the most of it.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21)
Money may be in short supply but, in view of developments over the last few days, this is perhaps to be expected. Such a hiccup is usual before a venture to change the course of your life. Check out a travel plan - now might be the time a treasured ambition comes true.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There are sound reasons why you should leave a major new enterprise until later, perhaps until next year. Hold important discussions only after you're convinced that other people will be prepared to listen to what you have to say. Put your point of view with care.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
No one can compel you to do anything against your will. Have no need to fear pressure from partners or colleagues. However, it may be in your best interests to meet other people half-way. Partners still have the advantage, so you may have to be patient.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You're in for a friendly day, a moment to broaden your horizons and set your sights higher. This is no time to dwell on personal problems, however important they may seem. There are other people in your circle who require help and assistance far more urgently than you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Mercury forms a challenging but constructive relationship with the Moon, so there's every chance that a helpful pact will be concluded. What a change it will be to find everyone in an amicable mood. You will soon discover that partners are supporting you after all.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You've had more than enough time to impress the people with your flare and charm. Begin to rely on your deeper talents, realising that appearances are no guarantee of long-term success. At work, concentrate on improving relationships with colleagues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Foresight and common sense are your strong qualities, and if you've been a little short on them, this is the time to make up for it and compensate for bad judgement earlier. You might stumble on a major financial offer - one which was under your nose all the time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Enforced changes at home can make you more determined to get your own way. Actually, if you run carefully through the events of the last few days you'll see a pattern emerging in which you had a key part to play. Your self-esteem can only benefit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Count your blessings. So far, certain plans have worked out remarkably well in some respects, so put an end to your obsession with how difficult life is and how unfortunate you are. A confident manner will help you create a favourable and secure future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
No one gains when you try to distance yourself from family members who have been trying to help you. You may as well just face the fact that their ideas about your future do not coincide with yours. Socially, you'll be able to make a splash by next week.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
This is a time to broaden your horizons, looking beyond the confines of home or work for fulfilment and satisfaction. There may be activities that you have not yet considered but which would improve the quality of your life. And that would be no bad thing.

THE PHANTOM

I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE RHODIAN POLICY IS ON SICK DAYS, BUT....
THIS GUY'S GOING TO NEED ONE...
THWAP!!
THERE MUST BE A SOLDIER HERE...
G-GUILT LIKE A MAN OF...
LUCHA LIBRE!!
Falk 1/20

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

YOU'RE ALL UP EARLY! DAISY AND I WERE TRYING TO SURPRISE YOU WITH SOME LAST-MINUTE GIFTS!
IT'S OKAY, DEAR, WE'LL STILL ACT SURPRISED!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, DADDY!!
HOLD STILL, DAD, I'VE GOT TO TAKE THIS 2020 PIC TO POST ON INSTAGRAM!
12-25

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

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Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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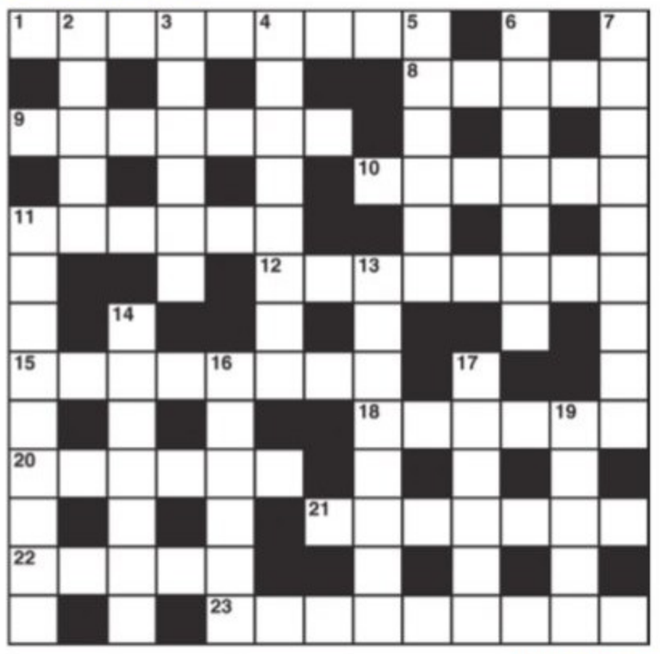
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Shopkeeper and master of disguise (9)
8 Rosie's willowy form (5)
9 Cracked intellectual? (7)
10 Is against using Latin (6)
11 Gave no answer? (6)
12 I am conclusively shown to be better (8)
15 Trying to get away by air (2,6)
18 It can't be made whole (6)
20 Gave encores naturally (6)
21 First sanction it in writing (7)
22 Needs organising, being stupid (5)
23 Unspecified location for which homes were constructed (9)

DOWN

2 Rascal with a strange love urge (5)
3 Hilda is upset over a bloomer (6)
4 No sedentary status (8)
5 Always heroic? Certainly not! (2,4)
6 Letter from a girl I've got attached to (7)
7 I'd put in now for a position in society (9)
11 Business interests? (9)
13 Waiting without complaint for a girl (8)
14 Not on duty the worker is casual (7)
16 Wild kids grow up to be these (6)
17 Sharp pain produced by a needle (6)
19 Seat of learning (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Despair, 4 Flier, 7 Aunt, 8 Insomnia, 10 Ace of clubs, 12 Bucket, 13 Pivots, 15 Swiss Guard, 18 Asteroid, 19 Goya, 20 Tides, 21 Tea leaf.

Down: 1 Drama, 2 Sentence, 3 Rankle, 4 Footbridge, 5 Inns, 6 Reaches, 9 Afterwards, 11 Comatose, 12 Ballast, 14 Assist, 16 Dwarf, 17 Stud.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SOKKI
PTZOA
MEFLUB
CYOTNO

I can't believe I missed that. Here you go.
This is an expensive hobby you've got.
THE POOL PLAYER BET HE WOULD WIN, BUT AFTER MISSING THE SHOT, HE WOULD BE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S: **Jumbles:** DIRTY MOTTO SNEEZE PILLAR
ANSWER: Way can a small Pepsi sound like a U.S. state? Because it's s a – "MINI-SODA"

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The Supreme Court appointed committee for Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout has fixed April 30 as deadline for property owners in the layout to submit building documents to it. They can be submitted physically at the five help desks set up by it or uploaded on the portal created for the purpose

STAY ALERT!

'2nd wave to peak in April, 11L cases in state by Sept'

IISc study also predicts India could see total number of cases rise to over 63.5 lakh by October 9 this year

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

COVID-19 infections could touch 10.7 lakh in Karnataka by the end of April and rise to 11.2 lakh by September according a prediction model developed by researchers at the Indian Institute of Science. The findings from the model, developed by Prof Sashikumaar Ganesan and Prof Deepak Subramani and his team at the Department of Computational and Data Sciences at IISc, have been published in the journal Nature Sci.

The models predictions are based the assumptions that the pandemic trajectory in the second wave will follow the spread similar to that seen between March 23 and October 1 last year, sero-prevalence of 20 for each detected case (based on surveys), and factors in a daily vaccination of 30 lakh people with vaccine effectiveness at 70 percent.

The model also predicts that the country could see the total number of cases rise to over 63.5 lakh by October 9 this year.

"We provide prediction of all India and state-wise confirmed, recovered, active and deceased Covid-19 cases based on our multi-dimensional PDE model. The prevalence estimates from sero-surveys have been included in the model," explains Prof Ganesan.

The prediction model is interactive and has earlier in 2020 accounted for the "best-case" scenario and the "worst-case" scenario. The present prediction, according to the researchers, will be updated soon with more categories of explanations and predictions.

A health worker sanitises a vaccination site in the city | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Worst-case scenario

The worst-case scenario including a 20X sero-prevalence for Karnataka, according to the computational model, would be that cases rise to 12.2 lakh by April-end and 21 lakh by September.

The researchers claim that the model predicts region-wise and age-wise Covid-19 spread accurately. It will soon include predictions of infected people by region, age of infected individuals, number of days since the start of the infection and severity over time.

The data fed into the model will include "immunity, pre-medical history, effective treatment, point-to-point movement of infected people (by air, train, etc), interactivity (spread in the community), hygiene and physical distancing".

The researchers insist that there has to be an effective quarantine of active cases to prevent new infections and to contain the pandemic.

According to them, an adaptive quarantine function in their model ensures that the infected population is quarantined based on their infection level (showing symptoms) and based on latest published literature on how the infection spreads from the infected population.

All at our hospital, 191 people aged above 45 without comorbidities got the vaccine on Thursday

Dr B R Venkateshaiah, Medical Superintendent, KC General Hospital

Server issues were a hurdle. However, it was sorted out and we were able to upload the data quickly

Dr Gopinath, RCH officer

A man takes the Covid-19 vaccine at a facility in the city on the first day of Phase 4 of the vaccination drive, on Thursday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

No vax shortage as drive expands

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ON the first day of the expanded Covid-19 vaccination drive to include all aged above 45, irrespective of comorbidities, it was smooth-going in Bengaluru hospitals with no shortage of vaccines. Some places witnessed more crowds and there were separate sites at each centre for administration of Covaxin and Covishield.

At Victoria Hospital, five centres were set up with walk-in registrations. The staff did not face any issues with the CoWIN website as was previously reported in the launch of Phase 1, 2 and 3. By evening, around 300 people were given the jab, leaving 200 vials of Covishield and 50 vials of Covaxin left for more. Adverse Events Following Immunisation were minimal with fever, body pain and chills and were treated with paracetamol.

The KC General Hospital recorded the highest number of vaccinations in a single day with 559 people getting the jab, as against other days when a maximum of 370 people turned up. "There were technical issues with CoWin initially, which were resolved later. In all, 191 people aged above 45 without comorbidities got the vaccine on Thursday. Of the 559 people, 79 got Covishield and 480 got Covaxin. Supply of vaccines is sufficient and we ensure least wastage," said Medical Superintendent Dr B R Venkateshaiah.

At Sir C V Raman General Hospital, there was not much of a rush. The Covishield vaccine was administered to 200 beneficiaries and Covaxin to 144 people. The hospital said those who came in for walk-in registration were easier to manage and they did not face issues with the CoWIN portal.

"Server issues were a hurdle. However, it was sorted out and we were able to upload the data quickly," confirmed Dr Gopinath, RCH officer. While the drive was started in only 12 health care centres, including the District Hospital, two taluk hospitals, seven community hospitals and two PHCs on Thursday, it will be opened across all 38 health centres from April 2. However, Surlabbi PHC, which lacks network facility and Madikeri Urban Health Centre which has constrained space, are left out of the Covid vaccine drive.

In all, 50,620 people in the age group of 45 to 59 with and without comorbidities got the first dose of the vaccine, while 396 people got the second dose.

Fearing one more lockdown, labourers do extra shifts

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

THE rapid surge in Covid-19 cases has instilled a sense of panic among people, especially among the daily-wager workers. Anticipating a lockdown, they are working more shifts to earn some extra buck.

Thousands of people, specially daily-wage labourers, suffered last year due to the lockdown. Hence, these people are now trying to come out on top and earn as much as possible before the second wave triggers another lockdown. Some of them have many family members, including children, working in construction sites, industries and hotels.

Many of these daily wagers are working in fields during the day and working as as security guards during the night. Of course, their earning have increased, but it has taked a toll on their health.

Shekhar, a security guard from Hulkoti village said, "Many are coming with their families to work in agriculture fields in the morning and are looking for other work in the evening. We all need money. If the government announces another lockdown, at least we should have enough money for groceries."

POSITIVITY RATE IN STATE NOW AT 4.65%

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

OF the active cases, 265 are in the high risk category and are admitted in ICU. Thursday saw 18 more deaths, taking the death toll to 12,585. There were 4,234 new cases reported on Thursday, of which Bengaluru Urban district accounted for more than half of them, with 2,906 testing positive.

The positivity rate now stands at 4.65 per cent in the state. There has been a steady decline in the positivity rate lately with the figure touching 4.66 per cent on March 29 and 30, and 4.65 per cent on March 31 and April 1. This has been attributed to the higher number of tests being carried out.

The recovery rate now stands at 95.6 per cent while the mortality rate fell a notch to 1.25 per cent on Thursday.

The website stated that for every 100 confirmed cases, 96 have recovered from the virus while one succumbed to the disease. "In the last one week, the number of new infections has grown by an average of 0.3 per cent every day. For every 10 lakh people in Karnataka, 3,25,408 samples were tested," the website stated. The top 5 districts in terms of active cases in Karnataka are Bengaluru Urban with 21,798 cases, Kalaburagi with 1,244 cases, Bidar with 1,059 cases, Tumakuru with 727 cases and Bengaluru Rural with 604 cases.

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Director, Karnataka School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Council (Reg.), hereby invites e-Tender from eligible bidders for Providing the Service of manpower such as Driver, Data entry operators and Group 'D' to KSQAAC as per KTPP Act-1999, only through e-procurement portal. e-Tender documents may be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Commencement date is **01.04.2021** and the last date for submission of tender is **15.04.2021 at 5.00 pm.** Pre-bid meeting is on **08.04.2021 at 12.30 pm.,** Technical bid will be opened on **17.04.2021 at 12.30 pm.,** Financial bid will be opened on **19.04.2021 at 12.30 pm.** The approximate value of the tender is **Rs. 16,50,000/- (Sixteen Lakh Fifty thousand only) (per Annum).** The Earnest Money Deposit is **Rs. 33,000/- (Thirty three thousand only/-)** for more details contact KSQAAC during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Director, KSQAAC

IN THE DISTRICT/SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA AT JUNEAU
CASE No. 1JU-20-930 CI
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
NIMMY PHILIPS ...Plaintiff (s)
vs.
AJO JOSE ...Defendant (s)

[NOTE: This notice may not contain a minor child's name. You may use initials instead.]

To Defendant: **Ajo Jose**

You are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at **P.O. Box 114100, Juneau, AK 99811, USA or to 1jumailbox@courts.state.ak.us** within 30 days after the last date of posting of this notice. You must also send a copy of your answer to the plaintiff/plaintiff's **attorney named: Corrie Bosman** at this address: **PO Box 6005, Sitka AK 99835, USA or cbosman@sitkalegal.com**

If you fail to file your answer within the required time, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This is an action for *** Divorce (no property or debt.)**

The relief demanded is **Decree of divorce be issued due to incompatability of temperament.**

You have been made a party to this action because You are married to the Plaintiff.

Seal of the First Judicial District Trial Courts of the State of Alaska Date : 11th March 2021 **Clerk of Court By: Deputy Clerk**

* Explain nature of the action. If real property is involved or has been attached, give legal description and specific location of the property. If personal property has been attached, describe the property. If a mortgage is to be foreclosed, state names of all parties thereto and dates the mortgage was executed.

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್-ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಿಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ರವರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

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(2) ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶಿರ್ಷಿಕೆ: **ಜಲ ಜೀವನ ಮೀಷನ್-2020-21**: (3) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ: 3 ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ (4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ **ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ** (5) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07-04-2021 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ** (6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **09-04-2021 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ** (7) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **12-04-2021 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ** (8) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ: **ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ (9) ಪ್ರೀ-ಬಿಡ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05-04-2021.**

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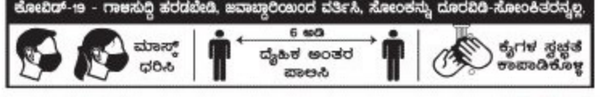

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ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸನ್ 2018-19ನೇಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ+ಎಂ.ಎಲ್.ಎ ಅನುದಾನ (ಶಾಸಕರ), ಸನ್ 2020-21 ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.+ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ ಅನುದಾನದ, ಸನ್ 2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮಲೆನಾಡು ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಅನುದಾನದ, ಸನ್ 2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15 ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆ (ಜಿಬಿಜ) ಅನುದಾನದ ಮತ್ತು ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/CPWD/ HDMC/ ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ 1ನೇ, 2ನೇ ಹಾಗೂ 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ, ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಇ.ನಂ **114933(Gen), 114920(Gen), 114929(Gen), 114932(Gen), 114930(Gen), 114916(Gen), 114984(Gen) 115097(Gen), 115004(Gen), 115100(Gen), 115102(Gen), 115216(Gen), 105277(Gen), 115238(SC), 113881(Gen), 115203(Gen), 115210(Gen), 115204(Gen), 115219(SC), 15209(Gen), 115220(ST), 115221(Gen), 115224(SC), 115228(Gen), 115229(Gen), 115230(Gen), 115222(Gen), 115231(Gen), 113794(Gen), 112031(SC), 112046(SC), 112042(ST), 112045(Gen), 112044(Gen), 112047(Gen), 112028(Gen), 112112(Gen), 113451(Gen), 108874(Gen),** ಒಟ್ಟು **39** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **1584.03** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ದಿ. **09-04-2021** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಮೇಲೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ

1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **26-04-2021** ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27-04-2021** ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ.
3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **30-04-2021** ಸಂಜೆ 4.35 ಗಂಟೆ

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Karnataka LSA of the Department of Telecommunications organised Online Awareness Workshop on EMF Radiation.

Bengaluru, Karnataka, March 28, 2021: The Karnataka Licence Service Area (LSA) unit of Department of Telecommunications (DoT) organised an **"Awareness Workshop on EMF Radiation"** at Yelahanka New Town in Bengaluru, on 28th March 2021. The session was organised as part of DoT's public advocacy programme to dispel myths around EMF radiation and address unfounded fears of citizens by presenting credible scientific evidence.

The workshop was attended by general public, doctors, telecom service providers, infrastructure providers and other officials. The DOT Karnataka LSA officials have addressed the concerns of citizens while also debunking myths and misinformation related to health hazards connected with radiation from mobile towers.

The speakers also spoke about the importance of mobile towers and why well-entrenched telecommunications infrastructure is a must have for streamlined network connectivity. While addressing concerns of the attendees, the speakers also added that, "EMF radiation norms for India are 10 times stricter than the limits prescribed by the International Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and are in adherence to the recommendations of the World Health Organisation (WHO). Extensive research on EMF signals have not been able to establish any injurious effects on human health from mobile tower radiation."

Dr T K Joshi, Advisor Environmental Health, MoEF said "Extensive scientific research on the subject has been unable to find a connection between mobile tower radiation and human health. Following investigations, the WHO has concluded that there is no risk to human health from mobile tower radiation."

The officials of DOT Karnataka, said "The DoT monitors the EMF emission levels from towers across India and ensures compliance with emission norms across the country through its field units. Department of Telecommunication/LSA also conducts physical audits of sites by selecting them randomly and testing the power of the available EMF signals at different probable locations near the site. Further, Karnataka DoT's LSA unit addresses all complaints received from the public either through email, PG Portal with respect to EMF emissions".

Citizens need not worry about the adverse effect of mobile tower EMF radiation as they are been strictly monitored and evidence from credible sources have repeatedly ruled out the possibility of any impending health hazards emanating from EMF radiations.

During Q&A session, the panellists responded that Network Connectivity is authoritative for a connected future and a healthy infrastructure will support the advancement of many technologies, which in turn would enhance the way we all live and work.

For towers, emission check : go to http://tarangsanchar.gov.in/EMFportal

Mobile radiation check: Type *#07# on mobile to check mobile-specific absorption rate (SAR).

4 from city die in road accident

Four persons from Bengaluru were killed on the spot and eight others were injured in a head-on collision between two cars near Haruwanahalli village, Vijayanagara district, on Thursday. The victims are Ramaswamy H (50), Jithendra N (50), and Kavya (30), Sharanabasava (10)

Ministers, party rally behind BSY, slam KSE

Uncalled for, says K'taka in-charge Arun Singh; chief minister remains mum on Eshwarappa's letter to Guv

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R Ashok, Revenue Minister

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

RURAL Development and Panchayat Raj Minister KS Eshwarappa's letter may have left the BJP divided and red-faced. But it has also compelled the party to come out in support of Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa.

A day after the minister's controversial letter to Governor Vajubhai Vala, BJP General Secretary in-charge for Karnataka Arun Singh said the act was uncalled for. A visibly uncomfortable Singh said the focus currently was to win the three ensuing bypolls in the state.

"If a minister has an issue, he should talk to the CM and not write to the Governor. Elections are going on and we are confident of winning all three seats. We are concentrating on the bypolls for now, and a senior minister shouldn't have written such a letter," Singh told reporters in New Delhi on Thursday. Sources in the BJP said the issue will not be raked up till May, when elections in multiple states conclude and government formation ends.

Meanwhile, back in Bengaluru, even as Yediyurappa maintains a stoic silence over the matter, his Cabinet colleagues and BJP MLAs have come out in support. A host of ministers, including Basavaraj Bommai, R Ashoka, B C Patil, Dr K Sudhakar and more than 10 MLAs, including CM's political secretary MP Renukacharya and Nehru Olekar held a meeting at Yediyurappa's residence, and built a fortress of defence around him with their vehement criticism of Eshwarappa.

"We went to polls under Yediyurappa's leadership, won and are now ministers in his Cabinet. Eshwarappa has released a letter on issues that should have been discussed within the party, and issues within the government should be discussed with the chief minister," said Ashoka, deeming Eshwarappa's letter "wrong".

Bommai, too, defended Yediyurappa. "Because of floods and Covid-19, a lot of works were stalled. MLAs sought funds for development and for almost a year, we couldn't release funds owing to shortage. The CM -- who is also Finance Minister -- decided to release funds after recovery in our receipts. He has done nothing wrong," Bommai said, adding that the Governor works on the advice of the Council of ministers, and an administrative matter should have been solved within the government.

Although new to the party himself, Sudhakar reminded Eshwarappa that he was Yediyurappa's contemporary. "It is embarrassing for the party, government and Eshwarappa himself. He shouldn't have written such a letter when he could have simply discussed with the CM, who is his contemporary, friend and even hails from the same district," Sudhakar said.

BC Patil went one step ahead and denied all allegations of interference by Yediyurappa in ministerial matters.

Meanwhile, MLAs led by MP Renukacharya vehemently criticised Eshwarappa and urged the Central leadership to initiate action. Even as a set of MLAs is keen on writing to the high command showing support to Yediyurappa, Arun Singh is expected to broker truce between the two warring leaders.

While the Central leadership may have come to Yediyurappa's support for now, the actual fallout of the letter is expected in a couple of months.

Administrative issue, nothing personal, says Eshwarappa

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI @ Shivamogga

RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa, who is the eye of a storm after complaining to the Governor, accusing Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa of interference and authoritarian administration, clarified on Thursday that the issue concerned administration and was nothing personal.

"It is an administrative issue. This issue has never come between Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's and my friendship. Both administrative and personal issues are different," he said. "There is nothing special to mention about the letter written to the Governor and my meeting with him. I discussed administrative matters of my department. There is no need to give so much importance to it. The Opposition are deriving a lot from it. I can't do anything about it," he added.

As per rules, the Chief Minister cannot directly get involved in issues of other departments. This issue was brought to the chief minister's notice besides informing BJP state in-charge Arun Singh, National General Secretary C T Ravi and State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel.

"It is not a question of BSY and KSE... it is purely an administrative matter which was raised. I never expected the issue to be blown out of proportion," the RDPR Minister added.

WHY THERE IS NO RESIGNATION FROM YEDIYURAPPA, AS HE IS FACING THE CHARGES OF PURCHASING THE MLA'S OF OPPOSITION PARTIES.
IN THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY, IT'S THE BJP ON YEDIYURAPPA HAS THE HIGHEST CORRUPTION CHARGES

Congress workers protest in Bengaluru on Thursday demanding Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's resignation in connection with the letter written by RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa | MEGHANA SASTRY

Cong wants CM to resign, seeks Prez's rule in state

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THE Congress, that was already tearing into the Yediyurappa-led BJP government over the CD-gate, has now weaponised RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa's letter to go all guns blazing against the Chief Minister.

Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah went one step further and even went after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his poll campaign on Thursday, demanding action. As if to mirror the BJP's criticism of the Maha Vikas Aghadi in Maharashtra, after former Mumbai Police Commissioner Parambir Singh accused state's Home Minister Anil Deshmukh of extortion, Siddaramaiah demanded that Yediyurappa's government be sacked and President's rule imposed in Karnataka, over allegations made by Eshwarappa.

"The allegations made by Eshwarappa are of serious nature. The Governor should intervene, dismiss the government and recommend President's rule. Eshwarappa has provided evidence for BJP Karnataka's corruption, nepotism and irregularities. We had been saying this since the first day and their own party ministers are repeating now," Siddaramaiah taunted. "PM Narendra Modi, you had called our govt 10% sarkar. Now that your own party minister has given the corruption report of your party to you, give your rating about the government so that people can make informed decision in the coming elections," Siddaramaiah pointed to Modi, who is campaigning in West Bengal.

KPCC President DK Shivakumar said a minister complaining against a CM, alleging corruption, was unprecedented in Karnataka's political history. "Yediyurappa should take moral responsibility for Eshwarappa's allegation of corruption and resign immediately," he said.

The Karnataka High Court's decision on Wednesday to allow an MLA poaching case investigation against Yediyurappa added to Congress' demand for removal of his government.

'CM bypassed Muzrai minister, had ₹80cr released'

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

After RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa's explosive letter to the Governor, alleging that CM B S Yediyurappa had "interfered" in his department, sources close to Eshwarappa alleged that Yediyurappa had also interfered in the Muzrai department and released ₹80 crore, bypassing the minister.

Asked about it, Eshwarappa said, "I would not like to comment about this at this point."

The source said Eshwarappa had taken the issue with party leaders, who would discuss it at an appropriate forum after the May 2 poll results. He had apparently told the BJP leadership that the issue came to light when he had asked for about Rs 2 crore to be given for a particular project from Muzrai department, and been told that the CM had released about ₹80 crore.

To this, Muzrai Minister K Srinivasa Poojary said, "The Chief Minister has the ultimate authority. I will speak to him and set things right. I personally have no issues with this.'' Pressed for a reaction, he said, "I would not like to react to this.''

Sources said Eshwarappa had met state in-charge Arun Singh at KK Guest House and briefed him, and that the Rs 80-crore issue would also be taken up at the party forum.

A BJP legislator told *TNIE*, "The Muzrai department issue dates back to when a group of MLAs met Yediyurappa, and he assured them of development funds. It was the CM's effort to route funds to legislators."

GST revenue: 'A good sign amid pandemic'

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"SINCE October last year, there is an upward trend in tax collection mainly because lockdown norms were relaxed, inter-state movement of goods and passengers were allowed, imports were made easy and local consumption too went up," said Manohar, who is also the chairman of the GST committee at Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI).

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BT Manohar, member, GST consultative committee, Government of Karnataka

In March 2020, businesses were hit for around a week in the preceding financial year as the nationwide lockdown was announced on March 24. The last financial year was full of uncertainties and tax collection had taken a severe hit for the first five months and started recovering slowly from September after the unlock phase.

In the State Budget, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had stated that even during the Covid-19 pandemic, Karnataka strove to achieve maximum revenue mobilisation in 2020-21.

The revenue collection target for the Commercial Taxes Department for the year 2020-21 was fixed at Rs 82,443 crore and revenue of Rs 71, 833 crore was mobilised by the end of February. Now, with Rs 7,914.98 crore GST collection in March 2021, the state is close to achieving the target.

Father moves HC, wants statements scrapped

BELAGAVI: The father of the woman in the purported CD has said his family has appealed to the High Court for scrapping their daughter's earlier statements. "We have already moved the court seeking our daughter's custody and awaiting its orders desperately," he said. Speaking to a section of media at Nidagundi, Vijayapura district, on Thursday, he said, "Why my family is demanding cancellation of her statements is something all of you (media) are aware of ... we are tensed as our daughter is away from us ... we are in a miserable state."

CD ROW: SIT CONDUCTS SPOT MAHAZAR AT PG ROOM, FLAT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SPECIAL Investigation Team (SIT) officials on Thursday conducted a spot mahazar at a paying guest accommodation, where the woman seen in the CD had been living for two-and-a-half years. The team took the woman for the spot mahazar, where she gave all digital evidence, including her mobile phone, to the SIT. Later, a team conducted a spot mahazar in an apartment in Malleswaram, where the sleaze CD is said to have been recorded.

A senior police officer said at the PG room in RT Nagar, the team gathered information about which SIM card the woman was using when former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi was purportedly in contact with her, and had made video calls.

The SIT also questioned the owner of the PG accommodation on how long the woman had been residing there, and her movements, and made him give a written statement. The SIT also conduced spot mahazar in a 17th floor apartment where the alleged sexual harassment took place twice. The woman accused Jarkiholi of promising her a government job, before demanding sexual favours from her.

Her lawyer, KN Jagadish Kumar, said SIT officials were forcing the woman to speak with her parents, instead of investigating the case, though she was not ready to speak to them till the investigation was complete. He said she would become emotional if she knows that her parents are "being controlled by Jarkiholi".

Lakhan backs bro Ramesh, seeks DKS' resignation

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

STATING that the alleged involvement of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D K Shivakumar in the CD row will have impact on the bypolls in Belagavi, Maski and Basavakalyan, Congress leader from Gokak **Lakhan Jarkiholi** has demanded the immediate resignation of Shivakumar.

"When the parents of the woman in the CD have alleged that Shivakumar is behind the scandal, it becomes his responsibility to resign from the KPCC president's post on moral grounds. The Congress high command should take this issue seriously," Lakhan said.

The youngest of five Jarkiholi brothers, Lakhan had contested against Ramesh in the Gokak bypoll in 2019. Interestingly, the Congress has named Lakhan as Gokak in-charge for the Belagavi campaign.

Lakhan told the media in Gokak on Thursday that he had met Ramesh in Bengaluru a few days ago and warned him to exercise caution. "I gave him moral support and asked him not to worry about such incidents and to be careful," he added.

"All political parties must take this case very seriously and try to know who runs the CD factory, who is the woman, the producers and director," he said. Later, Lakhan heaped praise on Ramesh, saying he was doing a great job as minister for water resources.

EXPRESS READ

Work on B'luru-Chennai expressway to begin soon

BENGALURU: Work on the Bengaluru-Chennai expressway is expected to begin soon with PM Narendra Modi likely to virtually lay foundation for the project next month. The National Highways Authority of India had envisaged the 278-km road project in 2010. It will begin at Hoskote in Karnataka and end at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu. "Hopefully, the PM will lay foundation of the project virtually by May-end after the Tamil Nadu Assembly polls," said a source adding that a tender called last year has been finalised.

₹42L unaccounted cash seized in Belagavi dist

BELAGAVI: Ahead of the bypolls to Belagavi Lok Sabha segment, election officials have seized Rs 42.71 lakh unaccounted cash from a car with Maharashtra registration number at Ghataprabha check-post near Belagavi on Wednesday. The cash was seized by personnel attached to the Static Surveillance Team led by Umesh Managuli. The cash was stuffed in a bag in the car which was on its way to Yaragatti via Mangasuli village. The case will be handed over to the Income Tax Department for further investigation.

ALL FOR A WIN

Cong banks on data points, social tech to build bypoll strategy

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE Congress, which was beginning to lose its Chanakya touch in the art of elections, is working to step up its game and compete with the BJP, a past master in poll engineering.

The Karnataka Congress is extensively harnessing technology to prepare micro-level strategies for the Maski, Basavakalyan and Belagavi bypolls. It involves reaching out to voters in villages to consolidate its base at the grassroots.

Over the past two months, a survey was done and data collected of voters and issues in these constituencies, and given to KPCC President DK Shivakumar and Working President Eshwar Khandre. The survey was based on the ground situation, social media cues and other available tools. While a similar survey was done for RR Nagar and Sira bypolls, it has been improvised for the current bypolls.

The Congress has not tried this earlier, we are learning something new with every election, a source in the party said. While senior leaders make macro strategies, workers micro-manage.

"The survey gives party leaders a clear picture of the constituencies, and helps them build strategies based on micro issues, to connect with voters, like MGNREGA, farm laws, neglect of Kalyana Karnataka region, construction of Anubhava Mantapa, Marathas etc. We also get a sense of which leaders can be changemakers to garner more votes," said a leader.

Chittapura MLA Priyank Kharge, who is in charge of the survey, told TNIE that Shivakumar has given him a free hand and for the first time, they have done online and offline surveys, collected village-wise data, and drawn up a list of leaders who can influence the region.

With social demography in constant flux, what works in Bengaluru may not work in Bidar or Belagavi. "Shivakumar is keen on using data points on various parameters that will help make decisions at the local level. For the first time, mobile penetration is higher at 85 per cent in rural areas than in urban India. People are getting BPL cards on their mobiles, and youngsters use social media. If we don't harness these tools, we will be left out," Kharge said.

F&B industry on razor's edge

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THE Excise revenue collection, which showed a -99.92% decline in April 2020 due to the lockdown, had gained snail's pace momentum in December last year with a marginal growth of 3.51% in comparison to the previous year after the government opened the Food and Beverage industry with stringent Covid protocols of limited seating among other restrictions.

According to the Department, while the Karnataka State Beverage Corporation Limited sold 600.92 lakh cases of IML during 2019-20, it could sell only 583.23 lakh cases in 2020-21, thus reflecting a -2.94% decline in comparison to previous year. Beer sales have been hit since the first lockdown in March last year, largely because of the Work From Home phenomenon. In 2019-20, the KSBCL had sold 289.60 lakh cases. Beer sales nosedived to 237.82 lakh cases the following year, registering a -17.88% decline. One case contains 8.64 litres of alcohol.

With the second wave of Covid, the F&B industry is on the razor's edge. "Our business had gradually picked up since December. With a spike in Covid cases, we are again staring at empty tables and imminent doom. Our business is down by 35% over the last 10 days," said the owner of a well-known chain of pubs.

A 45-year-old labourer was killed on the spot after a BMTC bus ran over him at Nagawara Signal under Chikkajala traffic police station limits, on Thursday. The deceased, Manjunath, was a resident of Vidyaranyapura. The police have seized the bus and are on the lookout for the driver

No curbs on K'taka-Kerala border travel: Govt to HC

Court says restriction on movement will violate rights of the citizens

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PLACING on record the assurance of the state government that there will not be any restriction on movement of traffic and people across the Kerala to Karnataka borders, the Karnataka High Court on Thursday disposed of a PIL that questioned the restrictions imposed by the Deputy Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada district.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order disposing the petition filed by B Subbaya Rai of Kasargod district, Kerala.

The D-K Deputy Commissioner had passed the order on February 18, restricting movement across the border, except through four entry points. On March 15, the Deputy Commissioner authorised Gram Panchayats, municipalities and urban local bodies to close certain entry points to Kerala to contain the spread of Covid-19.

Referring to the orders passed by the DC, the court noted that the National Executive Committee, under the Disaster Management Act, says that there should not be intra- or inter-state prohibitions on movement of people and vehicles, and no permission is required to cross the border.

The court said, "The DC has no authority and power to confer authority on local authorities to close the borders. Issuing directions imposing restriction on movement along the border will violate the fundamental rights of the citizens."

BTC identifies 200 horses to be shifted to better stables

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) to file an affidavit recording the steps it will take to implement the recommendations made by the inspector nominated by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI).

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order after the submission by the senior counsel, representing BTC, that they have identified 200 out of 887 horses that can be shifted to another place where better stables are available. Steps have also been taken to remove the asbestos sheets from stables at the BTC in a phased manner, the counsel submitted.

BTC stables with asbestos sheets

The BTC's submission came in response to the order passed by the court on the last date of hearing.

The report recommended that all stables with asbestos roofing must be removed immediately as asbestos can be harmful to horses. The inspector has suggested that a time frame of two racing seasons can be provided to the BTC to construct the stables.

The court was hearing a public interest litigation filed by Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA).

Illegal cattle transport: Two attacked, five nabbed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mangaluru

A group of more than 10 people, allegedly belonging to a pro-Hindutva outfit, attacked two men, accusing them of illegally transporting cows in their vehicle in Belthangady taluk of Dakshina Kannada district. The police have arrested five persons on charges of assault.

According to police, the incident occurred on Wednesday evening, when complainants Abdul Raheem from Kuppettu in Belthangady and Mohammed Mustafa took their vehicle for repair. On their way back, they visited a relative's house at Savanalu and were returning home.

Raheem and Mustafa undergo treatment at a hospital in Mangaluru

When the duo reached Melanthabettu Gram Panchayat limits, two people asked them to stop the vehicle. When they stopped, a group of five men accused them of transporting stolen cattle and attacked them with logs and footwear. The accused also damaged the vehicle and issued life threats.

Later, Raheem and Mustafa, both injured, identified their attackers - Sabu, Rajesh Bhat, Rakesh Bhat, Guruprasad, Lokesh and Chidananda - and filed a complaint.

Meanwhile, Rajesh Bhat, Rakesh Bhat, Guruprasad, Lokesh and Chidananda have been arrested. Further investigation is underway.

The injured persons are being treated in Mangaluru.

NIA chargesheets 2 from B'luru in ISIS case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday filed a chargesheet against two Bengaluru-based persons — Ahamed Abdul Cader and Irfan Nasir — under Sections 120B, 125 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Sections 17, 18 & 18B of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UA(P)A at the NIA Special Court. The two are accused of being ISIS sympathisers and are facing charges in the ISIS/ISIL/Daesh Bengaluru module case.

According to the agency, Cader and Nasir were "part of a terrorist group, which identified impressionable Muslim youths and further motivated and radicalised them, and also provided funds for their visit to Syria to further the ideology and activities of banned terrorist organization ISIS."

The NIA had registered the case (RC-33/2020/NIA/DLI) on September 19 last year after the "examination of Bengaluru-based ophthalmologist Dr Abdur Rahman in the Islamic State Khorasan Province case. Rahman was motivated and sent to Syria to join ISIS in 2013-14 by the terrorist group formed by accused in the instant case," the agency stated.

"The NIA probe resulted in the busting of an ISIS module wherein the names of various persons responsible for radicalising and funding the visits of Muslim youths from Bengaluru to ISIS-controlled regions had emerged," the NIA added. Cader, Nasir and some of their associates, who are members of Hizb-ut-Tahrir, had formed a group, 'Quran Circle', to further their activities, it said.

Based on the forensic examination of digital devices seized during the search and analysis of funds raised and provided by the members of 'Quran Circle', the role of various accused/suspects located abroad and in India, have emerged, the NIA stated.

EXPRESS READ

Truck driver convicted in accident case

Bengaluru: A city traffic court has convicted a 39-year-old truck driver in an accident case and sentenced him to a jail term of six months. The court also levied a penalty of Rs 12,000 on the accused, Thimmaiah, on Wednesday. On August 26, 2015, Ashwini (21) was riding pillion on a scooter with her sister when a speeding truck rammed their vehicle from the rear at 7.50 am near the Mill Road Junction. Ashwini lost her life in the accident. Chikpet traffic police had submitted a chargesheet to the court against Thimmaiah. ENS

NMDC Limited
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
'Khanij Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad - 500 028
CIN: L13100TG1958GOI001674

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Ref.: HO (Contracts)/EoI/CRS/2021/245 Dated: 01.04.2021

Expression of Interest (EoI) for "Technical, controls and automation advancements of gyratory crushers and cone crushers".

NMDC invites EoI applications from interested parties who can provide information / share details of such technological advancements of their crushers for assessing feasible upgrades in the existing crushers in minimum shutdown period as well as to consider in new crusher supplies.

The EoI document including Eligibility Criteria can be viewed and / or downloaded from NMDC's website **http:/www.nmdc.co.in** (OR) Central Public Procurement (CPP) portal **www.eprocure.gov.in** from **02.04.2021 to 15.04.2021.** The intending parties are required to visit the NMDC's website and / or CPP Portal for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, GM (Contracts), NMDC Ltd., Hyderabad can be contacted on fax: 040-23538777, Phone: 040 2353 2800, email: **contracts@nmdc.co.in**

General Manager (Contracts)

Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of The Executive Engineer, KNNL, No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division, Davanagere. Ph.: 08192-264669
e-mail: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in

Tender Notice

Ref: 1) No.: EE/KNNL/BCD-5:D/A.E.-2/4701-C.C. Road & Drain/3156/10/2020-21 Dated: 29.03.2021 (2) No.: EE/KNNL/BCD-5:D/A.E.-1/4701-M & MI Bhadra/3157/10/2020-21 Dated: 29.03.2021

On behalf of The Managing Director, K.N.N.L., Bengaluru, Executive Engineer, KNNL, No. 5, Bhadra Canal Division, Davanagere invites tender through e-portal in single & two cover system for Works under Head of Account 4701-M & MI Bhadra Bhadra as per Tender Notices of reference. Eligible contractors should download percentage tender only through e-procurement website (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 31.03.2021, 11.00 AM and submit within 4.00 PM on 08.04.2021. Clarifications regarding the tender will be on 05.04.2021 at 4.00 PM and date of opening technical & financial bid: 09.04.2021 at 4.30 PM.

Total no. of works :– (1) In Tender Notice (1) 2 Nos. Amount of Works – from Rs. 183.17 lakhs to 217.88 lakhs. 2) In Tender Notice (2) 9 Nos. Amount of Works – from Rs. 4.93 lakhs to 28.80 lakhs. The undersigned Officer reserves the right to postpone, accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reasons. For further information contact e-procurement portal or the office of the undersigned during office hours.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/03/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2021-22 Sd- Executive Engineer

E-mail ID: dpcsndgssa.opepa@nic.in
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DISTRICT PROJECT OFFICE,
SAMAGRA SIKSHYA, SUNDARGARH
"e"-Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. DPC/SS/SNG/03 OF 2020-21
Letter No. 726 / Civil / Date : 30.03.2021

1.	District Project Co-ordinator, Samagra Sikshya, Sundargarh on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in Double cover system on ON-LINE mode from eligible contractors with valid licenses for "Improvement of Infrastructure (Civil + Electrical + PH + Renovation) in the Schools" as detailed in DTCN.		
2.	Nature of Work	:	Improvement of Infrastructure ((Civil + Electrical + PH + Repair & Renovation) in the Schools.
3.	No. of Works	:	102 (One hundred two nos.)
4.	Cost of Tender Paper	:	Rs. 10,000/- In 97 Projects & Rs. 6,000/- in 5 Projects
5.	Class of Contractor	:	"B" & "A" In 97 Projects "C" & "B" in 5 Projects
6.	Availability of bid document in the website	:	From 10.00 hours of date - 03.04.2021 to 17.00 hours of date - 19.04.2021
7.	Date of opening of Bid	:	11.00 A.M. on Dt. 20.04.2021
8.	The bidders have to participate in ON-LINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **(https://tendersodisha.gov.in)**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.		

District Project Co-ordinator
Samagra Sikshya, Sundargarh

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E-Procurement Tender Notice

E-Procurement T.No.SE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/19/2020-21, Dated: 31-03-2021

Online tender is invited by Superintending Engineer (AM) Guntur from the reputed agencies for appointment of agency to provide END to END Digital solution for Automating Rythu Bazar operations in Agricultural Marketing Department. E-procurement site will open on 3-4-2021 at 11.00 A.M. Any other information can be had from the **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.vyavasayamarketingshakha.ap.gov.in. Cell No.8919546484, 9182361199, 9182361156.** Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM)

DIPR No.02PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 01/04/2021

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) 70409 - Housekeeping Contract for Cleaning / Swabbing & Scavenging Work,

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(2) 69575, (3) 69605.

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

PRO/AAM(M)/02/2021. GENERAL MANAGER

NOTICE

PIDILITE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Regd. Office: Regent Chambers, 7th Floor, Jamnalal Bajaj Marg, 208, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021.

NOTICE is hereby given that the certificate of the undermentioned securities of the Company have been lost/mislaid and the holder of the said securities/applicant has applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificates. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office within 15 days from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate certificates without further intimation.

NAME OF HOLDER	KIND OF SECURITIES & FACE VALUE	NO OF SECURITIES	DISTINCTIVE NO(s)
Kasturi Kidambi	Equity Shares of Re.1 Each	4000	From : 2180341 To : 2184340
Kasturi Kidambi	Equity Shares of Re.1 Each	4000	From : 255366076 To : 255370075
	TOTAL SHARES	8000	

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 2nd April 2021

NAME OF HOLDER
Kasturi Kidambi

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Administrative Medical Officer, General Hospital Shikaripura, Shivamogga District.
e-mail: mohshikaripur@gmail.com PH.No.: 08187-222412
No.: GHS/O.S.G.D.T./03/2020-21 Date: 31.03.2021

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Subject: Regarding inviting tender through e-procurement for providing Group D Services on outsource basis for the year 2021-22.

Related to the above subject, Tender is invited in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible, interested firms for providing Group D Services – 32 people to General Hospital Shikaripura, Shivamogga District for the year 2021-2022 (From the date of approval of Tender to 31.03.2022 or until Tender process is completeded for the next year). The blank Tender Form containing the terms and conditions related to this and the details of the technical documents to be submitted can be downloaded from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Tender bids uploaded in the prescribed time will be opened through e-portal. Further information regarding the said Tender can be obtained from the office during office hours.

Sl. No.	Details of the Posts :	No. of Personnel to be provided
01	Kitchen Assistants (Women)	02
02	Radiology Assistants	01
03	Laboratory Assistants	01
04	Electrician/Plumber	01
05	Peons	01
06	Ward Boy	12
07	Aaya (Women)	08
08	Watch Man	06
	Total Personnel	32

Sd/- Administrative Medical Officer, General Hospital Shikaripura, Shivamogga District.

DIPR/smg/No.08/04/mca/21-22

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(GERUSOPPA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.EEOMGP/VEHICLE/2020-21/692 Date: 31-03-2021

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Only)

Bids in two covers are invited through e-procurement portal (website URL: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) for the work of **"Providing One (01) No. of M&M Bolero/Equivalent 7(6+1) Seater (GPS Fitted), Non-A/c, Diesel Vehicle of 2017 or onwards model on 24 Hrs. duty basis with sufficient No. of drivers on monthly hire basis for the use of Security to vital installations round the clock at Gerusoppa Project for a period two years"** from reputed/ qualified bidders Brief Bid Notification as well as Tender Documents can also be seen on website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date and time for Pre-Bid queries: **05.04.2021 upto 16.30 Hrs.** Pre-bid Meeting: **07.04.2021 at 11.00 Hrs.** Last date & time for online submission of tenders: **15.04.2021 upto 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from **The Executive Engineer (O&M)GP, KPCL, Gerusoppa-581384, Honavar Tq, U.K. District, E-mail: eeegp2.kpcl@gmail.com, eeemogpkpcl@karnataka.gov.in, Tel No.: 08387-268307, Mobile No. 94495 98827, Fax No:08387-268350. KPCL Website: www.karnatakapower.com or Contact HP Helpdesk: 080-22485867/080-22485927**

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Office of the Joint Commissioner, Mahadevapura Zone
No.: BBMP/MZ/JC/CR/5675/2020-2021 Date: 30-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the notice of **Sri Acme Rino River Project Private Limited of Industrial Area Khata No.57/67 in Kadugodi Ward No.83 of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike,** that Sri Basavaraju, the editor, Shalinivani has requested to cancel the Khata standing in the name of Sri Acme Rino River Project Private Limited. Wherefore an enquiry is being conducted at the office of Joint Commissioner, Mahadevapura Zone on this dispute and in this connection enquiry notices have been served on to the address of respondents Sri Acme Rino River Project Private Limited, Pattanduru Agrahara asking them to attend to the enquiry. But they have not attended the enquiry. Therefore the next enquiry is scheduled to be held on **26.04.2021** at the above office and the said respondents should either in person or through their duly appointed advocate attend the enquiry on the scheduled date at the above office along with relevant documents pertaining to property and please note that if failed to attend, the enquiry will be conducted unilaterally. **Sd/- Joint Commissioner, Mahadevapura Zone**

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ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

2021–22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ವಲಯಗಳ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಡಿ ಕಾಲಬದ್ಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೆತ್ತಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ **15–04–2021** ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಗಂಟೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ **16–04–2021** ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಗಂಟೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ **17–04–2021** ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಯಾರೂ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸದೇ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನೇ ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ **26–04–2021** ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಗಂಟೆ, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ **27–04–2021** ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಗಂಟೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ **28–04–2021** ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ **4.00** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **080–29787088** ಮೂಲಕ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಉಸಿಕ/ಬೆಂಗ್ರಾಜೆ/ಕಿರಡಿ ಸಾಯ/01/2021–22 ಉ.ಅ.ಸಂ.ಬೆಂ.ಗ್ರಾ.ವಿ., ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ; ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ.
ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | 6 ಅಡಿ ದೈಹಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank — **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	E Lakshmi Aravinda / E Kishore / LBBNG00003708758	All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Property Bearing Municipal No.477 Situated In Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.12, Abbigere Ward, Bengaluru, Previously Bearing Site Nos.98 And 99 Formed Out Of Property Bearing Site Nos. 98 And 99 Formed Out Of Property Bearing Survey No.7/1 And 8/4 Of Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, Use Of Which Property Was Permitted To Be Changed From Agriculture To Non Agriculture Residential Use By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore Under Official Memorandum Dated 06.08.1996 Bearing No. Bds : Aln : Sr(N)15:96-97, The Detailed Measurement And Boundary Area As Follows :- Measuring East To West 47 Feet On The Northern Side 105 Feet On The Southern Side North To South : 165 Feet On The Eastern Side. 165 Feet On The Western Side. Schedule B 2.86% Of Undivided Right And Interest In The Schedule A Property Equivalent To 349.74 Sq.ft. Schedule - C The Apartment Bearing No.005 On The Ground Floor Of The Building To Be Known As "Akshaya Palms" Being Constructed On The Schedule A Property Measuring Super Built Up Area Of 1375 Sq.ft With 2 Bed Rooms, A Kitchen Inclusive Of Proportionate Share Of Common Area With 1 Car Parking Space Bearing 01 On The Basement Floor Of The Building./ Date Of Physical Possession- 30.03.2021	23.10.2019 Rs. 49,38,359/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 01, 2021
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

IN THE COURT OF THE V ADDL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

Crl. Mis. No.814/2021

BETWEEN: Sri Gangadhar.M, S/o Late Marigangaiah, aged about 27 years, R/at No.696, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, Kamalanagar, Basaveshwar Nagar, Bengaluru-560079... **Petitioner**

AND: The Commissioner, Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru ... **Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to the The Commssioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP Bengaluru, to Register the date of death of the mother of the petitioners by name Smt.Mariyamma, W/o Late.Marigangaiah, who died on 26/06/2014, at No.696, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, Kamalanagar, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bengaluru-560079.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the V Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Bengaluru, in 11.00 AM on **19-04-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing. Given under my hand and seal the court this 31st day of March 2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar V Addl. CMM Court, Bangalore.

Advocate of Petitioner **ARUN KUMAR. P,**
No.01, 1st Floor, Public Utility Building, M.G.Road,
Bengaluru-560 001. Ph: 7892210010

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client **Kushi Group** Managing Partner **V. Subramani** is going to enter into joint development aggrement from **N. Roopa,** Resident at No. 155, Gruhalakshmi HBCS Layout, 2nd Stage, Kamalanagara, Bangalore-79.

Schedule

East by : 30 ft Road
West by : Property No. 156
North by : No.185
South by : 30 ft. Road,

Any Person having any Claims/Rights please contact within 10 days.

K. G. Bhat, Advocate,
K.G. Nagara, Bengaluru-560 019.
Mobile: 94481 68322 / 92419 99990 / 97439 99992

IN THE COURT OF THE 14th ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C.MISC. No. 50025/2021

BETWEEN: N.B. MOHAN REDDY S/o. N. Balakrishna Reddy, aged about 44 years, R/at No.93, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Behind Government School, Balakrishna Reddy Layout, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru-560037.
...**Petitioner**

AND:

THE COMMISSIONER BBMP, Mahadevapura Ward, Whitefield Road, Opp Phenix Mall, Bengaluru-560048.
...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner, the Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru-560002 to register the date of death of the deceased who is the grandmother of the Petitioner by name **Late Smt Ratnamma W/o N.P. Narayana Reddy died on 16.08.1971** in petitioner father's house N. Balakrishna Reddy, Residing at No.93, 3rd Main, 5th Cross, Behind Government School, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru North, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru - 560 037 and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter may appear before the above court at **11.00 a.m on 04.05.2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 31.03.2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar,
XIV Addl. C.M.M Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner:
KUMAR & BHAT, Advocates
#14/3, Annex Building, 4th Floor,
Maharshi Aravinda Bhavan (C.F.C. Building)
Opp: R.B.I, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore-560001.

IN THE COURT OF THE 14th ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU

C.MISC. No. 50026/2021

BETWEEN: N.B. MOHAN REDDY S/o. N. Balakrishna Reddy, aged about 44 years, R/at No.93, 5th Main, 3rd Cross, Behind Government School, Balakrishna Reddy Layout, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru-560037
...**Petitioner**

AND:

THE COMMISSIONER BBMP, Mahadevapura Ward, Whitefield Road, Opp Phenix Mall, Bengaluru-560048
...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner, the Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru-560002 to register the date of death of the deceased who is the grandfather of the Petitioner by name **N.P. Narayana Reddy S/o Late. Pillappanna was died on 14.05.1969** in petitioner father's house N. Balakrishna Reddy, Residing at No.93, 3rd Main, 5th Cross, Behind Government School, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru North, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru - 560 037 and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter may appear before the above court **at 11.00 a.m on 04.05.2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 31.03.2021.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar,
XIV Addl. C.M.M Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner:
KUMAR & BHAT Advocates
#14/3, Annex Building, 4th Floor,
Maharshi Aravinda Bhavan (C.F.C. Building)
Opp: R.B.I, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby informed that I **Anitha**, Wife of late Ramesh, Aged about 48 years, R/at No.46/49, Sri. Sai Kutria, Yemalur, Bengaluru-560027, Mobile No. 9591507322, had lost the original Registered sale deed dated 26.10.1961, vide Document No.4111/1961-62, Volume No.271, Pages 225 -228 in the office Sub Registrar, South Taluk, Bengaluru. The said document along with other documents have been lost, at the time of cleaning my house. In this regard I have lodged online police complaint through mobile application on 17.03.2021 vide Lost Report No.077187/2020-21. The finder of the said document may kindly deliver the same to me and the finder will be suitably rewarded by me. Public are also hereby warned not to have any transaction with anybody based on the said document, if you are doing so, you will be held responsible for the cost and consequences.

Sd/- ANITHA
Bengaluru, Date : 01.04.2021

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-32)

G & WC No. 06/2021

Petitioner: Smt. K.R. Jamuna, W/o B.M. Suresh Rai, aged about 53 years, R/at No.313, Sri Durga Nilayam, 8th Main Cross, Venkatapura, Koramangala, Bangalore.

Respondent: Nil

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made Petition to this Honourable Court under section 29 R/w Section 7 and 8 of the Guardian and Wards Act 1890 for the grant of Sale Permission and to permit petitioner (K.R. Jamuna) to sell the schedule properties owned by her minor child Jenika .S Rai who born on 18.10.2013 to prospective purchaser.

Interested parties hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court personally are through an advocate duly authorised by you on your behalf to defend the above case on **29.5.2021 at 11.00 am** in forenoon to show cause against the application filing herein the said application will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the converted land bearing Sy.No.2/2 BBMP Katha No.211/2, situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now the Properties comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.198, Kengeri Sub-Zone, Bangalore, duly converted vide order No.ALN(S) S.R(KEN)/176/2010-11 Dated: 01.06.2011 by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore measuring East to West:120-0 Ft and North to South: 60-0 Ft. Totally measuring 7200 Sq.Ft., bounded on the

EAST By: Remaining land in same Sy.No.2/2, **WEST By:** Land Bearing Sy.No.2/3, **NORTH BY:** Remaining land in same Sy. No.2/2, **SOUTH BY:** 40 feet Road and Remaining land in same Sy. No.2/2

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY

210 Sq.Ft, of undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in schedule PROPERTIES.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY

Residential Apartment/Flat bearing No.301, in the Third Floor, with a Super built up area of 1000 Sq.Ft Two Bed Rooms, Kitchen, Dining Hall, Two Toilets, Balcony, etc, along with and one covered car parking space in the basement, constructed on the schedule Properties in the Apartment Building known as "SS EVERJOY MAHARA." and undivided share of 592 Sq.Ft in Schedule "A" Properties, specification of the building: RCC, Vitrified Flooring, Home Wood Door, Main with Teak Wood, Steel Windows.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 30.03.2021.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner: MALLIKARJUNA, MARUTHI REDDY. G.A, Advocates,
No.122, 5th Cross, Nisarga Layout,
Bangalore-560 073.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that myself Mrs. Umme Asma Alias Asma Kouser, wife of Mr. Z. Imtiaz Ahmed residing at No. 12, II Cross, 6th Main, S.K.Garden, Bangalore the undersigned herein along with Mrs. Umme Salma, wife of Mr. Ayub Khan, residing at No. 79, Brad Shaw Street, Thimmaiah Road, Nehrupuram, Bangalore, are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property described below.

The original documents of the below mentioned Schedule Property being:

a) Sale Deed dated 10/07/1984 which is registered as document No. 1172 in Book I, Volume 2328, Pages 181 to 184 executed by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of Mr. K. R. Gopal, and

b) Sale Deed dated 18/10/1984 which is registered as Document No. 2065, in Book I, Volume 2369, Pages 97 to 100 in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore executed by Mr. K.R. Gopal in favour of Mrs. Parveen Taj are lost/misplaced by the undersigned herein within the vicinity of S.K. Garden, Bangalore. Police Complaint has been lodged on 26/03/2021 vide lost report No. 084071/2021 at J.C. Nagar Police Station, Bangalore.

The finder of the aforesaid documents is/are hereby requested to handover the aforesaid documents to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from this date, failing which it shall be deemed that the said documents are lost or irretrievable and therefore, certified copies of the same shall be procured from the office of the Sub-Registrar of Jurisdiction in lieu of the lost original documents for purpose of records as original documents.

Further, this is to notify the general public that myself and my sister Mrs. Umme Salma being the absolute owners of the Schedule Property now intent to sell the said property to prospective purchaser's.

Any person/s, Banks/Financial institutions or any other authority concerned having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest or objection in, to or upon the Schedule Property or over the aforesaid two lost /misplaced sale deeds and its sale may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication hereof, failing which all rights or claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and that myself and my sister above named will proceed with the sale of the Schedule Property to the prospective purchaser/s as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable bearing Corporation No. 15, Sagayapuram. Ward No.90, PID No.90-14-15, Bangalore (Earlier Property bearing No. 77/15, earlier to that No.77,5th Cross, Pillanna Garden I Stage, Bangalore), measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 30 feet, bounded on the:

East by : Puttamma's House bearing No. 76;
West by: House of Patel Jalal bearing No.78;
North by: Private Property;
South by: Road;

The total site area of the Schedule Property measuring 750 Square Feet.

Mrs. Umme Asma Alias Asma Kouser,
W/o Mr. Z. Imtiaz Ahmed
No. 12, II Cross, 6th Main,
S. K. Garden, Bangalore.

Bangalore.
Date: 01-04-2021

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Sri. Vinay Bhat
E -mail : sbi.40564@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9448946013
Land Line No. (Office): 080-25943765

Address of the Branch:
II Floor, A Block, BKG Complex,
Mysore Bank Circle, Avenue Road
Bengaluru-560009.
Tel: 080-25943765
E-mail Id: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS ", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on **07.05.2021** for recovery of **Rs.76,84,044/-** (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Forty Four Only) as on 22.03.2021 plus further interest from 23.03.2021 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru from **Sri. C Madesh S/o Sri. Channaveerappa** in the capacity as an individual and as Proprietor of **M/s S V S Agencies.**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Bid Increment amount, Date and Time of E auction will be as under:

Reserve Price (Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Bid Increment Amount	Date and time of e-auction of immovable property
47,00,000/-	10% of Reserve price i.e. **Rs. 4,70,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Thousand Only) to be transferred / deposited by bidders in his / her/ their own Wallet provided by M/s. MSTC Ltd on its e-auction site:https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ ibapi/index.jsp by means of RTGS/ NEFT.	Rs.50,000/-	07.05.2021 11.30 AM – 12.30 PM

Last Date for submission of 10% EMD amount along with KYC documents: 04.05.2021 by 4.00 P.M.

Description of Property

Tender No: SBI/ARMB/EA/CS/01/2021-22

Title deed Holder: Sri. C Madesh s/o Sri. Channaveerappa

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property in Site No.40, Town Municipal Assessment Serial No. 338/2089/40, Vijayakumar Layout, 7th Ward, Anekal Town Limits, Anekal measuring 9.15X13.45 Meters with building consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor standing in the name of Sri. C Madesh S/o Sri. Channaveerappa and bounded on East by: Site No.39, West by: Site No.41, North by: Road, South by: Property of Gnanajyothi Church.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

One Original Suit under No. 449/2016 filed by the third party is pending at Civil Court, Anekal, Bengaluru Urban District, against Sri. C. Madesh, which has no bearing on the property put for sale as Bank has sole prior charge over the property as Mortgagee much earlier to the date of this suit/ the claim. It may also be noted that as per available records, no stay is pending against the Bank under this suit by Civil Court, Anekal, Bengaluru Urban District.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Asset Recovery Management Branch, Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, A Block, 2nd Floor, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560009** during office hours, **Phone No. 080-25943765** or Bank's approved **Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links i.e.www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in & https://www.mstcecommerce. com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date: 29.03.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
ARM Branch, Bengaluru.

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA

Arsikere Road, B.Katihalli, Hassan-573201
Phone: 08172-295941

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR OPEN STRESS WORK (ARCH ROOFING) AT KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA HASSAN

Sealed quotations are invited from the Registered Agencies for awarding contract for Open TRUSS work (ARCH ROOFING) SIZE 70 X 66 FT at PRIMARY ASSEMBLY HALL Kendriya Vidyalaya, Hassan. The Tender form/documents can down loaded from the Vidyalaya website & submit. Last date for receiving quotations on 31-03-2021 upto 2.00 p.m and quotation open on the same day at 3.00 p.m (By Registered Post/ Speed Post only) for further details of terms & conditions contact the Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Arsikere Road, B Katihalli Hassan-573201 OR log on our Vidyalaya website: **https://hassan.kvs.ac.in**

Sd/- PRINCIPAL

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank

Kasavanahalli Branch:
D No.9/1A, near Ayish Bazar, Bangalore- 35.
Phone: 080-25746479 Mail ID :bm2218@unionbankofindia.com
Branch Manager : 8790294597; 080-25746479,
Authorised Officer : 9986070432

[See Provison to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]
Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E- Auction Sale Notice for Immovable Property

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the provison of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) **Mr. Richard Kumar,** No.47, Ground floor, Sri Venkateswara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Head master Layout, Chand apura Anekal Tq, Bangalore-99. **Sri Jai Prakash** No.47, Ground Floor, Sri Venkateswara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Head master Layout, Chandapura Anekal Tq, Bangalore-99 that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is"basis,** on **19.04.2021 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM** for recovery of **Rs.30,72,063.50** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Seventy Two thousand Sixty Three and Paisa Fifty only) as of **04.09.2019** and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from **Mr. Richard Kumar,** The Reserve Price for Property will be **Rs.32.85 Lakhs** and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)will be **Rs.3.30 Lakhs** to be deposited on or before **18.04.2021 (by 4:30 PM)** or before commencement of e-auction, if allowed.

Description of immovable secured assets to be sold:

2 BHK flat bearing No. 304, on the 3rd floor of "Miyans Green Residency" Apartment, with super built up area 1145 sq ft , and with one car parking , with undivided share of 231 sq ft on the land bearing site No.112 &113, Village Panchayat property, formed in BMRDA approved lay out , situated at Celebrity Lake view, carved out in sy. No. 56, 72, 73/2, 74/1 & 79/2, Rajpura village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the east by site No.121/120, west by 40 feet wide road, north by site No.114, south by site No.111.

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the secured creditor **-Nil**

The aforesaid property/ies will be sold by "Online The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp** by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The interested bidder may contact the Branch Manager of **Union Bank of India, Kasavanahalli Branch Manager 9480319405 & Authorised Officer 9986070432** for inspection of property and also visit the aforementioned site for ascertaining the details of action

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01.04.2021

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagers that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS ", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on **21.04.2021** for recovery of **Rs.38,82,646/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Six Only) as on 03.02.2021 + further interest from 04.02.2021 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bengaluru from **M/s Srinivasa Associates.**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid Increment amount and Date and Time of e-auciton will be as under:

Reserve Price (Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Bid Increment Amount	Date and time of e-auction of immovable property
1,57,25,000/-	10% of Reserve price i.e **Rs. 15,72,500/-** (Rupees Fifteen lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) to be transferred / deposited by bidders in his / her/ their own Wallet provided by M/s. MSTC Ltd on its e-auction site:https://www. mstcecommerce.com /auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp by means of RTGS/NEFT.	Rs.1,00,000/-	21.04.2021 11.30 AM – 12.30 PM

Last Date for submission of 10% EMD amount along with KYC documents: 19.04.2021 by 4.00 P.M

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No : SBI/ARMB/EA/CS/01/2021-22

Title deed Holder : Sri.P Venkatesh S/o Patalappa M R.

Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of land in Old Sy.No.14/4, New Sy.No.14/9 of Beerasandra village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru measuring 1 Acre, converted from Agricultural purpose to Non- Agricultural purpose vide Order No.ALN(DE)SR.09/ 08-09 dated 10.11.2008 of Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural district, and bounded on East by: Sri. Anjinappa's Land, West by: Land of Madduramma and S L N Ashwathappa, North by: Government Road and South by: Sarkari Bande and Land of S L N Ashwathappa.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Asset Recovery Management Branch, Mysore Bank Building, BKG Complex, A Block, 2nd Floor, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560009 during office hours, Phone No. 080-25943765 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri.Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links i.e.www.sbi.co.in & www.tenders.gov.in & https://www.mstcecommerce. com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date: 25.03.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
ARM Branch, Bengaluru.

IndoStar Capital Finance Limited

Registered Office - One World Centre, Tower 2A, 20th Floor, Jupiter Mills Compound, S B Marg, Mumbai - 400013, India
Branch Office - NO.13, CRN CHAMBERS, 4th Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore -560001, India.

INDOSTAR

Rule 8(1)
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas,

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. IndoStar Capital Finance Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [Rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 27th & 29th day of March of the year 2021.

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of M/s. IndoStar Capital Finance Limited, for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub –Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Address and Loan account no	Description of the Security	Notice Date & Amount(S) Demanded
Loan A/c No - Lsbgl05117-180001556 1. Mr. B P Singh, No 14/15, Defence Residency, Kattigenahalli, Bagalur Main Road, Yelahanka Post,bangalore Urban District - 560064 2. Mr. B P Singh, Anukul Technology India Private Limited, No 14/15, Defence Residency, Kattigenahalli, Bagalur Main Road, Yelahanka Post, Bangalore Urban District – 560064 3. Mrs. Renu Singh, No 14/15, Defence Residency, Kattigenahalli, Bagalur Main Road, Yelahanka Post, Bangalore Urban District – 560064 4. Mrs. Renu Singh, No 30, Chakradhar Mansion, Durgamba Layout, Defence Residency, Kattigenahalli, Bagalur Main Road, Yelahanka Post, Bangalore Urban District – 560064 5. M/s Anukul Technology India Private Limited, No 14/15, Defence Residency, Kattigenahalli, Bagalur Main Road, Yelahanka Post, Bangalore Urban District- 560064 6. Mrs. Renu Singh, No 14, 3rd Cross, Ashwath Nagar, Rmv 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560006	All that piece and parcel of the Residential Immovable Property bearing site no 14, in survey no 40/4, situated at Geddalahalli Village, Kasabahobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Present Municipal Katha no 14, PID no 99-142-14, 3rd cross, Ashwath Nagar, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward no 99, And together with consisting of 3 sq ACC Sheet house with Red oxide flooring, Jungle wood doors and windows, with water and power supply connection. Measuring East to West: 42 ft and North to South: 34 ft. Totally measuring 1428 sqft, bounded on the: East by : Private property, West by : Road, North by : Site no 13, South by : Road then private property	19th Dec 2020 Rs. 1,49,01,932.20/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakh One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two and Twenty Paise Only)
Loan A/c No - lsbgl00115-160000342 & Lsbgl00115-160000355 1. M/s. Ceico Consulting Pvt Ltd, No 232, 7th Cross Road, 1st Stage, Indira Nagar, Bangalore -560038 2. M/s. Ceico Consulting Pvt Ltd, # 25/7, Basement Floor, Below SBI Bank, Outer Ring Road, Next To Jalsa Restaurant, Doddanekkundi, Bangalore- 560037 3. Mr. Gerald Correya#178, RSR Colony, Near Government School, Near Kaveri Bakery, Immadahalli Road, White Field P.O, Bangalore – 560066 4. Mr. Gerald Correya, # 25/7, Basement Floor, Below SBI Bank, Outer Ring Road, Next To Jalsa Restaurant, Doddanekkundi, Bangalore - 560037 5. Mrs. Mini Thomas, # 6-111, 3rd Cross, Hennur Road, Lingarajpuram, Bangalore - 560084 6. Mrs. Mini Thomas, No 232, 7th Cross Road, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038 7. Mrs. Anuradha Mahadevan, D-4, 2nd Block, Galaxy Enclave, 7th Cross, Kaggadasapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560093 8. Mrs. Anuradha Mahadevan, No 232, 7th Cross Road, 1st Stage, Indira Nagar, Bangalore - 560038	All the piece and parcel of Land, Garden bearing survey no – 25/2, measuring 0.10 Ten guntas out of 1 acre 33 guntas, plus 2 guntaskharab, situated at Hagadur Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore south taluk and bounded on. East by : 14 ft left for road purpose upto this land. West by : Remaining property of vendors. North by : Vendors retained property. South by : Retained property of vendor. Present Postal address of Property - #178, RSR Colony, Near Government School, Near Kaveri Bakery, Immadahalli Road, White Feld P.O, Bangalore – 560066	05th Jan 2021 ₹ 1,05,66,686/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Six Only) and ₹ 46,32,788/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight Only), Total amounting to ₹ 1,51,99,474/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty One Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four Only)
Loan A/c No -lsbgl00417-180001248 1. Mr. N Ranganatha, Residing At No 100/5 Ramagondanahalli Varthur Main Road, White Field Post Bangalore Urban District. 2. Mrs. Komala C, Residing At No 100/5 Ramagondanahalli Varthur Main Road, White Field Postbangalore Urban District. 3. V N R Tours and Travels, No 100/5 Ramagondanahalli Varthur Main Road, White Field Post Bangalore Urban District. 4. Mr. N Ranganatha, Flat No G - 007, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structures Jagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore 5. Mr. N Ranganatha, Flat No 109, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structures Jagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore 6. Mr. N Ranganatha, Flat No 307, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structures Jagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore 7. Mr. N Ranganatha, Flat No 320, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structures Jagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore 8. Mrs. Komala C, Flat No G - 007, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structuresjagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore 9. Mrs. Komala C, Flat No 109, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structures Jagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore 10. Mrs. Komala C, Flat No 307, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structures Jagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore 11. Mrs. Komala C, Flat No 320, GCN White Palms Apartment, Ramagondanahalli, Midtown Structures Jagriti Theatre, White Field, Bangalore	All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Flat No – 109 North Facing measuring 1180Sq.ft, along with 413 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat No – 320 measuring 1110 Sq.ft, along with 389 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat NO – 307 North Facing measuring 1180 Sq.ft along with 413 Sq.ft of UDS, Flat No – 007 North GF:1180 Sq.ft along with of 413 Sq.ft of UDS in the property Sy. No.10/2 measuring 1 acre 4 guntas, situated at khayamgutta Ramagondanahalli R Narayanapura K.R Puram Hobli Bangalore presently within the limits of BBPIP and bounded on : East by : Doppanahalli Shamanna & Chilka Gudevatappa Land West by : Road North by : Land in the same number belongs to M.R. Anjan South by : Remaining land in some Sy. Number	05th Jan 2021 ₹ 1,56,44,958/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Six Lakh Forty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Only)

Place – Bengaluru
Date – 01.04.2021

Authorised Officer
M/s. IndoStar Capital Finance Limited

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Union Bank of India, ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH

"Jeevan Sampige:(LIC Building), 1/1, Ground Floor, 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Square Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003,
Mail Id: cb478@unionbankofindia.com, arbbangalore@unionbankofindia.com, Contact No:9441215957, 9148979845

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Notice of 15 days for Sale of Immovable Secured assets Under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches. Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is " basis, by Public E-Auction** on **19.04.2021, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/ Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. Last date for submission of EMD On or before **17.04.2021**, The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., Are given below

SL No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1.	**1. M/s K Mark,** Prop. Mr. K Keshavamurthy, R/a No.2060, 16th D Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038. **2. Mr. Keshavamurthy,** R/a No.2060, 16th D Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038. **3. Mrs. KavithaKestur,** R/a No.2060, 16th D Main, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038.	All that part and parcel of apartment bearing Flat No. G-1, Ground Floor, ORCHARD GREEN Apartments, Property No. 139/34-10, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Intermediate Ring Road, Domlur, Bangalore-560071. Total Plinth Area 1430 Sq. Ft, with one Car Parking space in the Basement and 680 Square Feet of Garden area along with 771 Sq. Ft of Undivided share right.	**Rs.10,36,73,172.29 (Rupees Ten Crores Thirty Six Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Two and Twenty Nine Paise only as on 28.02.2021**	**Rs.1,06,40,000/- (Rupees One Crore Six Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 10,64,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand only)**
2.	**1. Mr.Javeed M & Mrs.TabassumFathima,** Residing at 3/5, 5th Cross, Someshwara Nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South - 560011 **Also at:** Mr.Javeed M & Mrs.TabassumFathima, "Unik Paradise", Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura New Extension, 2nd Block, Shamoura Village, KasabaHobli, Bengaluru-560045. **2. Mr.Ilyaz Ahmed (guarantor),** No.57, 7th Cross, Mangampalya, Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068. **3. Mr.Nayaz Ahmed,** No.11, 3rd Floor, Mohamdan Nayaz Aamed Block, Chamarajpete, Bengaluru-560018.	All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Property at "UNIK PARADISE" Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, New BBMP No.8, PID No.95-349-8, Site No.43 and 43A, Khata No.1378 and 1379, Assessment No.11/1 and 12/3, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, ShampuraExentension 2nd Block, KasabaHobli, Bangalore 560045 measuring super built up area of 900sqft along with 205 sqft undivided share., **Bounded on the: North by:** Property No.44, **South by:** Property No.42, **East by:** 4th Cross Road and **West by:** Property No.40 & 41.	**Rs.44,76,247.36 (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Seven and ThirtySixpaisa only) as of 28.02.2021**	**Rs.33,04,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Four Thousand only)**	**Rs.3,30,400 /- (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Only)**

Account Bearing No.331301990050000, in the name of "Asset Recovery Branch", at Union Bank Of India, Avenue Road Branch, throuth IFSC Core: UBIN0533131

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website www.mstcecommerce.com on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the Branch Manager of Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, contact No.9441215957, foir inspection of property and also visit the above mentioned website for ascertaining the details of auction.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/s8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrowers and Guarantors of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Date: 24.03.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Union Bank Of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore.

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IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE › NELSON MANDELA

Two boys, who had gone to Mugaluru lake near Sarjapura on Wednesday evening, drowned after getting stuck in silt. The deceased are Shivakumar (13) and Karthik (12), both Class 6 students at the government school in Kugru village.

CENTENARIAN 'GOD'

Sri Siddalinga Swamiji attends the naming ceremony of children at the Siddaganga mutt in Tumakuru on Thursday. Thousands of people thronged the mutt on the occasion of the the 114th birth anniversary celebrations of 'the walking god' Sri Shivakumara Swamiji. As many as 114 parents named their newborns 'Shivakumara' and also names that begin with the syllable 'Shi' | EXPRESS

IISc develops artificial enzymes to block reactivation of HIV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

RESEARCHERS at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed artificial enzymes that can successfully block reactivation and replication of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in the host's immune cells.

This can be considered as an important development as there is currently no way to eliminate HIV from a patient's body completely. Anti-HIV drugs are only successful in suppressing the virus; they fail at eradicating HIV from infected cells.

The virus hides inside the host's immune cells in a "latent" state and stably maintains its reservoir. When the levels of toxic molecules such as hydrogen peroxide increase in the host's cells, leading to a state of increased oxidative stress, the virus gets "reactivated" and it emerges from hiding and begins replicating again.

Made from vanadium pentoxide nanosheets, the new artificial "nanozymes" developed by the IISc researchers work by mimicking a natural enzyme called glutathione peroxidase that helps reduce oxidative stress levels in the host's cells, which is required to keep the virus in check, an IISc release said.

"The advantage is that the nanozymes are stable inside biological systems and do not mediate any unwanted reactions inside the cells," said Govindasamy Mugesh, Professor at the Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry. "They are also quite easy to prepare in the lab."

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> Govindasamy Mugesh, Professor at the Department of Inorganic and Physical Chemistry

The study, published in EMBO Molecular Medicine, was led by Amit Singh, Associate Professor and Senior Fellow, Wellcome Trust-DBT India Alliance at the Department of Microbiology & Cell Biology and Centre for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDR), and Mugesh.

The researchers prepared ultrathin nanosheets of vanadium pentoxide in the lab and treated HIV-infected cells with them. The sheets were found to reduce hydrogen peroxide just as effectively as the natural enzyme and prevent the virus from reactivating.

Shalini Singh, first author and Research Associate at CIDR, said when the team treated immune cells from HIV-infected patients undergoing antiretroviral therapy (ART) with the nanozymes, latency was induced faster and subsequent reactivation was suppressed when therapy was stopped.

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

A Raja banned from campaigning for 48 hours

Chennai: A day after DMK MP A Raja submitted his reply to the ECI notice on his alleged derogatory remarks on Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami, the poll body debarred him from campaigning for a period of 48 hours with effect from 2 pm on Thursday. Finding his reply unsatisfactory, the Commission also revoked his 'star campaigner' status for the ensuing Assembly election. The AIADMK on March 27 preferred a complaint against Raja alleging that he made a "derogatory and scandalous speech" against the Chief Minister during election campaigning. In connection with it, a case was registered by Central Crime Branch Police in Chennai. In response to the complaint, the EC issued notice to Raja seeking his response as his speeches appeared to have violated the model code of conduct. ENS

Rahul calls Left leaders his brothers

Don't agree with them, that doesn't mean we should hate, kill each other, says Cong Leader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kalpetta

CONGRESS national leader Rahul Gandhi gave bouquets as well as brickbats to the Left parties. Speaking at an election road show of UDF candidate P K Jayalakshmi in Mananthavady on Thursday, he said though the Congress doesn't agree with the ideology of Left parties, it doesn't mean the both should hate each other, kill each other or should not smile at each other.

"I don't agree with them. But I certainly do not hate them. I will debate, discuss and disagree with them. But I will always smile at them because at the end of the day, they are our brothers. We all are brothers and sisters," he told the cheering crowd. Elaborating, Rahul Gandhi said it is important that the discussion with the Left happens.

Later, speaking at the election meeting of UDF candidate T Siddique in Kalpetta, he flayed the Left and RSS for treading the path of violence. "The Left had attacked our candidate (sic). We don't believe in hatred or violence being followed by the Left and RSS."

Rahul flayed the LDF government for not delivering on the promises in Wayanad. "Wayanad has been asking for a medical college hospital (MCH) for long. But what have they done in all these five years? They just put a board of MCH here. We don't want a board but a super-speciality MCH," he said.

The Congress leader also criticised the Pinarayi Vijayan government on the issue of Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). "The ESZ is a critical concern of Wayanad. When we raised this in Parliament, we were told that the LDF government of the state had proposed it," he said.

Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi greets party workers during a UDF election campaign in Kozhikode on Thursday | TP SOORAJ

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Meenakshi Amman temple in Madurai on Thursday evening. He will be campaigning in the city today | KK SUNDAR

'LDF govt considers wrecking Hindu customs its birthright'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

THE LDF government in the state is behaving as though wrecking Hindu beliefs and customs is its birthright, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said here. Yogi was participating in a roadshow for Sobha Surendran, NDA candidate in Kazhakkoottam.

Yogi reminded voters that a minister who had taken the lead in destroying the Sabarimala customs was contesting from Kazhakkoottam. He urged voters to defeat the minister by electing Sobha, who was at the forefront of the Sabarimala agitation.

The UP chief minster said that educated youth in Kerala were migrating to other states in large numbers in search of jobs. The LDF government, instead of creating job opportunities, acted against the interests of youth. To create more job avenues, BJP(NDA) should be voted to power, he said.

Yogi said development is taking place at a faster pace under PM Narendra Modi. He congratulated all those who had contributed towards the building of Ram temple in Ayodhya.

Expert committee blames landslides on engineering errors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ENGINEERING errors were behind the landslides that occurred in the state, said the expert committee appointed by the state government to study the reasons for the calamity. It stressed that henceforth, any land-use projects to be executed in the state, especially in the Western Ghats, must be approved by the Disaster Management Authority and they should prepare a disaster management plan.

The report, *Landslides in Western Ghats and Coastal Karnataka: Prevention and Mitigation Strategies*, was submitted to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday. It was presented by Karnataka Biodiversity Board Chairman Anant Hegde Aashisara, who is also chairman of the expert committee.

Prof T V Ramachandra from the Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, who was also part of the committee, said that the landslides in Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru could happen in other places also, including Kali Tiger Reserve where many eco- tourism properties and resorts were coming up.

The committee visited Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Kodagu, Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi from July to August to check the ground situation and prepare the report. The committee also identified 23 landslide-prone taluks in the state.

The committee observed that stream and river network plans should be re-looked at. It also recommended that preliminary and detailed geological investigations were essential with geo-technical investigations of infrastructure projects to ensure there were no landslides in vulnerable zones. The committee also suggested that the government bring suitable amendments to the Karnataka Land Grants Rules, 1969, regarding granting land for agricultural purposes in landslide prone areas.

The committee recommended the extension of the landslide project of the Geological Survey of India to Karnataka. The project, which is being carried out with the British Geological Survey, aims to develop an early warning system for landslides.

No chances of rainfall for next few days: Met

Maximum temperatures in other districts

Bidar - 39, Vijayapura - 40, Dharwad - 38.4, Gadag - 39.1, Kalaburagi - 41.6, Koppal - 39.5, Raichur - 41, Chitradurga - 37.9, Davangere - 37.5, Hassan - 34.6, Chintamani - 37.1, Mandya - 35.6, Mysuru - 37.9, Shivamogga - 36.8

(All figures are in degrees Celsius)

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THE normal maximum and minimum temperatures for Bengaluru are 34 and 21 degrees Celsius.

However citizens are not convinced and say that it feels much hotter.

"Step out in the afternoon and you will find everyone scrambling to find some shade under a flyover or a tall building as there are no trees to save you from the summer heat. It does not feel like Bengaluru any more. The city has long lost its tag of being an air-conditioned city," rued Brijesh K, a commuter on Race Course Road.

Director in-charge of IMD-Bengaluru, C S Patil, told The New Indian Express that since no weather systems are being formed, the temperatures are on the rise.

The weather will be dry in the city and across state and there are no chances of rainfall for the next few days. A low pressure area is forming over the Bay of Bengal and it has drawn all the winds and moisture content.

The IMD officials also said the humidity level in Bengaluru is 23 per cent at present.

Rainfall will occur only when the humidity level rises.

EXPRESS READ

Karnataka forest dept revises tariffs

Bengaluru: The forest department's revised tariffs for national parks and wildlife sanctuaries will come into effect from April 1. At Nagarahole, the entry fee is ₹300 for adults, bus safari is ₹300, jeep safari is ₹2,000 and the room rent is ₹2,200. At Bhadra Tiger Reserve, entry fee is ₹300, bus safari ₹200, jeep safari ₹300 and room rent in Jungle Lodges and Resorts is ₹2,000. The rates at Kali and Bandipur Tiger Reserves are on the same lines. ENS

'A pan-India phenomenon'

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MINISTER Prakash Javadekar added, "Through his charisma, his talent and efforts, he has made a place for himself in the hearts of the people."

Having started his career with a cameo in K Balachander's 'Apoorva Raagangal' (1975), Rajinikanth has gone on to act in over 160 films in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, Bengali, Malayalam, and English languages. Tasting success as a stylish antagonist in many landmark films, including *Aadu Puli Aatam*, *16 Vayathinile*, and *Moondru Mudichu*, Rajinikanth made the transition to 'hero' roles with *Bairavi* (1978), which was also the first film to give him the *Superstar* sobriquet that would later become so iconic. He further cemented his hero status with the Mahendran drama, *Mullum Malarum*, in which he played a gritty winch operator who suffers a tragic accident. Known for style and charisma, Rajinikanth's box office success even resulted in many established production houses like AVM and Vijaya Vauhini Studios, returning from a sabbatical to do films again.

Fondly called 'Thalaivar' by his fans, Rajinikanth's 100th film was *Sri Raghavendra*, which saw him explore his spiritual side for the first time.

In a career which saw few difficult stretches, the actor, over the last decade, has truly become a pan-India phenomenon.

Phalke nomination: Maha Ugadi for Rajini's close pal

Shiva and his mother with Superstar Rajinikanth in Mysuru

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

WHILE good wishes pour in for superstar Rajinikanth, who has been nominated for the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke award, for his close pal, guardian and attendant for the past 35 years, it's Maha Ugadi.

Shiva of Devaraja Mohalla in the city came in contact with the superstar during the shooting of the movie *Rajadi Rajadi*, a hit movie in 1983.

Thalaivar, who is known for being down to earth, once dropped into the narrow bylanes of Sunnadaker to call on Shiva and his family.

"I did not want Rajini to visit my house as it was small and it was in a narrow bylane. But I was shocked when the superstar actually visited my house and spent time with my mother and family members over a cup of hot coffee," he recalls.

Shiva took Rajini with him on his scooter to Srikanteshwara temple in the wee hours. Rajini has a special bond with Mysuru and the actor has stayed for months at the iconic Lalitha Mahal and Kings Kourt hotels near Metropole circle. The actor used to even order pulav from Hotel Hanumanthu and Ramya's masala dosa.

Shiva later became the superstar's pointsman. He would finalise shooting locations with directors for Rajini.

"We are thrilled that Rajini sir is nominated for the prestigious award. He should have got it long ago as he, like Kannada matinee idols Dr Rajkumar and Vishnuvardhan, Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachan and others, has contributed to the development of cinema," Shiva said.

Reminisching about the past, Shiva spoke about how Rajini loved the Mysuru and Mandya regions and many directors in those days preferred to shoot in the Cauvery basin, Melukote, Kodagu and other locations in the region. Rajini was stunned when over 6,000 people assembled for the climax scene of the superhit movie *Padayappa*, the shooting of which was completed without hassle. "I am thankful to the people. That is why I love Mysuru," the superstar had said then.

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EDITORIAL

"When you spend money on military solutions, it's like surgery. It's painful. When you spend money on diplomacy, it's like going to the clinic. And when you think about soft power, it's preventive medicine

James Stavridis

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— Ramnath Goenka

THE RIGHT FOR YOUNG WOMEN TO EXERCISE THEIR AGENCY

In 2017, a Kerala High Court order sparked outrage when it annulled the marriage of Hadiya and handed over the custody of the adult woman to her father. The next year, the Supreme Court restored the marriage. While hearing the case, the SC had to point out what should have been self-evident truth: As an adult, Hadiya could make her own decisions. Yet, what happened to Hadiya, happens daily to women—and sometimes even men—when they choose to go against their parents' wishes. Too often the police, to which both the youngsters and their parents may turn to for aid, take a paternalistic approach at odds with the rights of young adults. An example was a recent incident in Chennai when police from Madurai allegedly harassed NGO staff and a young lesbian couple based on a missing person's complaint filed by one of the women's parents. Although both women are adults and capable of making their own decisions, it was reportedly only after lawyers stepped in that the couple and NGO staff were let off. The silver lining to the episode, however, was a Madras HC order that considered the couple's point of view and sought to provide counselling to their parents. The judge also acknowledged his own efforts to overcome his preconceived notions to build something purposeful from the case. The order follows another extraordinary intervention by the same HC some months ago in which police were told to help a young woman, illegally confined by her disapproving parents, to leave her home with her boyfriend. In both cases, the judiciary recognised what the police ought to have: the right for young women to exercise their agency.

With the police and judges drawn from the same society as the disapproving parents, it is but natural that they may be inclined to empathise with the parents. However, in a conflict between social prejudice and the law, they must choose the law. As the HC order acknowledges, this may not be easy but police and judges, journalists and politicians, all who influence society must take the effort to break our preconceived notions and evolve an understanding of the agency of the young, the disabled, the queer and the marginalised.

RISE AFTER FALL FOR TEAM INDIA

As the players went down like ninepins at Adelaide late last year, it looked like Indian cricket could yet find new depths. But what has followed over the course of the next few months—from the Boxing Day Test at Melbourne to a rousing, pulse-pounding ODI series finale at Pune a few nights ago—is a story of how the team jumped past obstacles to emerge as one of the few good stories from the country firmly gripped by death, disease and distress thanks to the pandemic.

As the season came to a conclusion in Pune, it's worth labelling this as one of the best enjoyed by the men's team in a long, long time. Even if they began the season with a loss in the ODI leg to Australia, they won all of their subsequent five series. That in itself speaks volumes about the mental resilience that's within the side. What's even more remarkable about their sequences of wins is that they have battled past injuries and unfavourable odds to win the last five series. After international cricket returned, India was hard done by as they fell down the pecking order as far as qualifying for the WTC final was concerned. Yet, rather than protesting off the field, they did what was asked of them to qualify for the final of that competition—win. A true hallmark of champions.

What's even more noteworthy is that the team has achieved all this while blooding youngsters left, right and centre. Even if they were forced sometimes like in the last Test at Brisbane, all of them put their hands up to be counted. If it was Mohammed Siraj, Shubman Gill, T Natarajan, Shardul Thakur and Washington Sundar Down Under, it was Axar Patel and Prasidh Krishna in India. In all, the team managed to win 13 matches across all three formats in punishing bio-bubbles away from family and friends—a reflection on their strong mental fortitude. As all of them depart to their respective IPL franchises, it sets the team up nicely for the upcoming challenges: that WTC final against New Zealand followed by the T20 World Cup at home. If the last four months are anything to go by, don't rule them out challenging for both those prizes.

While indecency has been rife in the campaign speeches of various political leaders in poll-bound states, Karnataka has been conjuring obscenity of a different order

A VIDEO CLIP AND AN ENVELOPING INNUENDO

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'Power is an aphrodisiac' is a saying that has been deliberately converted into an axiom and a banality. The casualness of its dressing is made to condone the transgressions of men who constantly hunt while in power. But there is another part of this quote, in the earlier Napoleon Bonaparte version (not the later Henry Kissinger edition), which assembles better its naked ambition and vulgarity. It says: "Women! They belong to the highest bidder. Power is what they like—it is the greatest of all aphrodisiacs ... As for me, I take them and forget them." If one has to watch a gory adaptation of every syllable of this quote in recent days, one has to visit Karnataka. The whole of last month, male sexuality has been discussed not just on the streets and television studios but also on the floor of the state legislature.

When media has been busy picking on the Bengal BJP chief's quote asking Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to use 'bermuda shorts instead of a saree' to display her broken leg and the insinuation of DMK leader A Raja against the deceased mother of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister E Palaniswami, Karnataka has been conjuring obscenity of a different order. If indecency during elections could be seen as a wartime excursion, what is happening in Karnataka is sheer peacetime idleness. It is a play that has been devised to derive wicked pleasure at taxpayers' expense and has willy-nilly implicated the entire political class and their families. What began as a seemingly controlled play has now reached a situation where the puppeteer has lost control over the puppet strings. The desperation may assassinate reputations further and eventually consume the state government.

It all began in the first week of March when a sleazy video clip surfaced of the nearly 60-year-old water resources minister in the BJP government, Ramesh Jarkiholi. The girl in the video apparently had gone to him seeking a job. The authenticity of the video is yet to be confirmed, but one wonders if anybody is waiting for it when the clip has reached millions and private judgements have been passed. The minister and the girl in the video were also bantering about politics. Ramesh in the video calls Chief Minister Yediyurappa 'terribly corrupt' and certifies Siddaramaiah, the former chief minister, as better. Now, this should have served as a wonderful testimonial for the Congress, but instead it has made them squirm. This is because Siddaramaiah was Ramesh's former boss and he had crossed over to the BJP in 2019 with 17 others to pull down the Congress-JD(S) coalition government that he did not want to be formed in the first place. A perception that persists is that most legislators who had crossed over then were loyal to Siddaramaiah and continue to be so to this day.

Once this video was out, rumour was rife that more lewdness may hit the roof and would implicate half-a-dozen BJP ministers, who had crossed over from the Congress in 2019 like Ramesh. They panicked and sought an injunction from a lower court against broadcasting or printing of any incendiary material against them. This was some admission of guilt, but they deftly deployed brazenness. One smart minister among the injunction-seekers propounded that there was no male legislator in the state Assembly who was loyal to his wife. That is, there was no *maryada purushotamma*. Monogamy was anathema, polygamy was in practice was what he said about his lawmaker colleagues. In one stroke, he delegitimised the entire legislature. The political wife, the political girlfriend and the political acquaintance all happily coexisted in a promiscuous loop, was the scenario he painted. Siddaramaiah and others feebly resisted this in the Assembly but wouldn't show enough gumption to invoke privilege. Perhaps they were unsure as to what lay hidden about them in dark lockers. Chief Minister Yediyurappa anyway lacked moral currency to question any of this.

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Now who does all this chaos benefit? Who is the puppeteer of the show? The statements of Ramesh, the girl in the video, that of her parents and of other leaders point towards D K Shivakumar, the Karnataka Congress president. There is a power tussle between him and Siddaramaiah, but rumour mills also have it that he has a passionate score to settle with Ramesh. In the Assembly, Shivakumar spoke on this issue with scant regard for decorum. There was innuendo enveloping the House, but he was not stopped. He was not expunged. The House had lost its moral bearing. It is in this same house a couple of years ago the former speaker had causally likened himself to a 'rape survivor' and the House had guffawed. This was a new low. How do political wives, political daughters and women politicians suffer these indignities? Can anybody quantify their trauma? Nobody knows what any female member of Ramesh's family thinks of him. No mother, no wife or daughter has rushed to his defence. They may be behind their patriarchal veils.

Ironically, D K Shivakumar, Ramesh and the minister who thrashed monogamy are all neighbours in a posh Bengaluru locality. They are currently protected by a posse of women cops because they fear that each other's women agitators may storm their bungalows.

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OMAN COMES FULL CIRCLE IN OUR SOFT POWER DIPLOMACY

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By posthumously bestowing the Gandhi Peace Prize for 2019 upon Sultan Qaboos of Oman, New Delhi seeks to mend some of the diplomatic faux pas committed by previous governments. Over time, India developed such soft power honours to expand its diplomatic footprint. These include having international figures as chief guests for Republic Day celebrations (since 1950) or bestowing the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding (since 1965) and International Gandhi Peace Prize (since 1995). There are also non-official awards like the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development (from 1986) to further Indian interests. Due to political considerations, Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award (since 1954), was also awarded to Nelson Mandela when India's citizenship is the criteria.

However, something is common to all these soft power efforts. There is no regularity, frequency and even announcement timing. Inertia and inefficiency meant that these awards are often not announced on a fixed schedule; the recent Gandhi Peace Prize (also posthumously to Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh), for example, was announced on March 22, a less important date than October 2 or January 30. The same holds for prizes named after Nehru and Indira Gandhi.

There are further twists in the award to the Sultan of Oman. Since deposing his father in July 1970, Qaboos followed an unconventional policy. Not swayed by regional flag-waving rhetoric, he navigated a course of action that gradually came to mark a distinct Omani style. Qaboos was indifferent to regional moods on a host of issues: When the entire Arab world boycotted and isolated Egypt over the peace agreement with Israel, Oman maintained diplomatic relations with Cairo; as its Gulf Arab neighbours supported Saddam Hussein during his eight-year war with Iran, Oman stayed neutral; while some monarchies were scheming against the Islamic Republic, Oman was maintaining channels of communications with Tehran; and during the recent crisis within the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) over Qatar, Muscat stayed neutral. Indeed, Qaboos' diplomatic acumen was key to the Obama administration clinching the nuclear deal with Iran in 2015.

Prime Minister Narasimha Rao was the first Indian leader to recognise Sultan Qaboos as a visionary and champion of regional peace and stability, especially in the post-Cold War international order. In June 1993, Muscat became the first Middle Eastern capital to host Rao. Three months earlier, junior petroleum minister Captain Satish Sharma signed two MoUs with Oman in the energy sector; one, to lay a US$ 4.5 billion 1,450 km sub-sea gas pipeline from Oman to India and the other for setting up two oil refineries in India. This was India's first long-term energy security strategy and took place more than a decade before similar moves vis-a-vis Iran and Saudi Arabia.

> As with Singapore in Southeast Asia, PM Narasimha Rao prioritised Oman over others, as the importance of countries rests on their strategic significance, not just their territorial or economic size. In the post-Rao era, the mandarins settled for 'bigger' powers and ignored Qaboos' diplomatic acumen

Rao's visit was followed by that of President Shankar Dayal Sharma (who incidentally taught Sultan Qaboos in Pune) in 1996 and the visit of Qaboos himself the following year. As with Singapore in Southeast Asia, Rao prioritised Oman over others, as countries' importance rests on their strategic significance, not just their territorial or economic size. However, a significant segment of the establishment and elite were not happy with Rao giving 'undue' importance to 'smaller countries'. Three decades later, one can realise the role played by Singapore in enhancing India's position, influence and status in the larger Indo-Pacific. Oman, however, could not emulate the Singapore model and emerge as India's strategic partner in the Gulf. In the post-Rao era, the mandarins settled for 'bigger' powers and ignored Qaboos' diplomatic acumen.

However, towards cementing the bilateral ties, the UPA government named Qaboos as the Jawaharlal Nehru Award recipient for 2004; but this honour was never formally presented to the Sultan due to scheduling difficulties, especially following the outbreak of popular protests in several Arab countries in 2011 and later on due to the Sultan's health conditions. To signal Oman's importance in its diplomatic calculations, India sought to invite Sultan Qaboos as the chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations in 2013, but this never happened. Though media reports suggested 'scheduling difficulties', those following Oman closely attribute this to 'personal tensions' with the Omani foreign ministry. Hence, Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuk became the last-minute replacement for 2013.

Meanwhile, during his visit to the Sultanate in February 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the ailing Sultan and discussed a host of regional issues and concerns. But given his antipathy towards Congress leaders past and present, the prime minister did not personally hand over the Nehru Award to Qaboos. Hence, the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for 2004 continued to languish in some corner of the South Block.

In some ways, the posthumous Gandhi Peace Prize award to Sultan Qaboos should partly overcome the mishandling of the Nehru Prize and Republic Day honours to a true friend and ally of India. This, however, depends upon India not backsliding on its diplomatic efforts vis-a-vis Muscat. The late Sultan Qaboos continues to remind us of the need to harness soft power tools more efficiently, lest one squanders their usefulness.

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Bengal CM's desperation

Mamata Banerjee has called for unity among opposition parties amidst elections. The SOS from the West Bengal chief minister reveals her extent of desperation in the face of the BJP onslaught.

Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

Interest rates U-turn

Quixotic attempts to reduce the interest rate for small savings and senior citizens, and reinstating the previous rates within hours could be viewed from two angles. Either pragmatic wisdom must have dawned or political pressure at the time of a few elections must have led to the correct path. Anyhow, senior citizens can heave a sigh of relief for now.

S Srimoolanathan, Chennai

Will affect middle class

The government is flush with funds for freebies, which are bankrolled by the middle class that pays taxes diligently. Slashing interest rates on small savings will break their backs, especially senior citizens who are already badly hit by the pandemic. The somersault is politically motivated amidst elections and appears to be temporary.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

WHO credibility hurt again

The WHO has backed the Chinese theory on SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for Covid-19. While the issue continues to be an enigma, one wonders why the WHO is scared of China and continues to back that country, denting its credibility in the process.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Too many fake voters

That there are around 4.3 lakh fake voters in Kerala is absolutely shocking. It appears that our electoral authorities are slow in resolving such grave allegations. These will surely corrode people's trust in our democracy.

Thomas K M, Muvattupuzha

Postpone Kerala polls

With so many fake voters on the electoral roll in Kerala, the only solution in sight is the postponement of polls to a date closer to May 2, the counting day. Considering the unprecedented situation, the Election Commission should rise to the occasion and give its assent to the postponement to put the democratic election process back on the rails.

S N Anil, Chottanikkara

Leave choice to women

The column *Dresses and their role in women empowerment* (Apr 1) is interesting. The patriarchal society has always tried to control women. Many writers such as Jane Austen and Taslima Nasreen have raised their voices against this. Sartorial choices must be left to the individual.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Whither justice?

This is with reference to *Why should the law be set aside for you? HC asks ex-Mumbai top cop (Apr 1)*. Though everyone knows that the law is for the powerful, they still knock on the doors of justice. Yet when those sitting in ivory towers pose such queries, it makes one question their intentions.

Sureshbabu Kalyansundaram, email

Need level playing field

Legendary opener Sunil Gavaskar's suggestions for change in rules in certain areas of cricket during his M L Jaisimha memorial lecture a few days ago are most welcome. As the game is seen as becoming loaded in favour of batsmen, more so after the advent of T20s, the recommendations for a level playing field must be considered by the ICC.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Women empowerment

This is with reference to *Self-defence classes planned for girls at temples* (Mar 30). The self-defence classes in village temples in Karnataka are a welcome step. This will further help in women empowerment.

K Ragavan, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Dharmendra Pradhan @dpradhanbjp
Each stone hurled at innocent people and on @BJP4India will be used to build the exit path for the anarchist regime of TMC!

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
What is biggest April Fool's joke here? That a now-rolled back small savings rate cut was issued by "oversight"? Or that Nirmala Sitaraman is Fin Min of India?

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
The illegitimate born & unconstitutionally formed Yediyurappa Govt must now go, OR CM Yediyurappa & his spurious BJP Govt must be sacked!

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

I'm not worried about Nandigram. I'm confident of victory. I'm worried about democracy. CRPF, BSF are acting under the instructions of Amit Shah. They are helping BJP —Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM

Issues flagged @MamataOfficial have been imparted to the concerned. There is full assurance of the concerned to adherence to rule of law. Am confident all will act in right spirit —Jagdeep Dhankhar, West Bengal governor

I am used to such protests by TMC goons. They are all followers of Mamata begum. Let them do whatever they want till the results are out on May 2 —Suvendu Adhikari, West Bengal BJP

Doom of opposition in Modi's crystal ball

PM says people of Assam will show red card to Congress, while predicting Mamata's defeat in hot seat of Bengal

PM Narendra Modi at an election rally in West Bengal's Jaynagar on Thursday | PTI

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR/PRANAB MONDAL @ Guwahati/Kolkata

THE BJP has started predicting results even when elections are underway. In Assam, two of the three phases have been completed. In West Bengal, six more phases remain. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing election rallies in these two states on Thursday, said that BJP is going to win.

Trying to strike a chord with the locals who love football, Modi said in Assam's Kokrajhar that people of the state have shown the red card to the opposition alliance in the first two phases of elections.

"The whole of India knows football is very popular among the youth here. Given the sense I am getting after the two phases, people have shown red card to Congress-AIUDF combine," Modi said while campaigning for the UPPL candidate. The UPPL and AGP are allies of BJP. Congress leads a 10-party alliance also including AIUDF.

Following the line of his party in recent election rallies, the PM accused Congress of resorting to divisive politics and misleading people. "They instigated people made them fight. The NDA united them through the bridge of development. The Congress is responsible for the encroachment of land. NDA freed them," he said.

Stating that peace has returned to Assam, he said the NDA government was committed to help those who had abjured the path of violence. He appealed to those still wielding the gun to join the NDA's mission for peace and progress.

At a rally in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas, Modi lashed out at Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee and said her body language showed she had accepted defeat.

"Everyone has seen what has happened in Nandigram. She (Mamata) is the opinion poll, she is the exit poll. Mamata didi your body language is showing you have accepted defeat in Nandigram," said Modi.

The PM in his speech said Nandigram reflected Bengal's mood. "What happened in Nandigram is the reflection of what Bengal wants now. Didi first changed her constituency and later realised, it was her wrong decision. Didi always stands as a barrier in the path of development. She destroyed Bengal's industries. She ran the government for 10 years without any planning. BJP will be focussed on Bengal's development after wresting power."

Reiterating BJP's claim to whitewash the TMC-led government, Modi said: "The people of Bengal have decided to bring change. The BJP will come to power in the state with more than 200 seats. Six more phases of polling remain in West Bengal after Thursday.

BJP MANTRA

Counting on 'positive votes' to win Assam & West Bengal

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

MOVE over positive vibes! 'Positive vote' is the new buzzword in BJP. The saffron outfit is confident and saying that the people's endorsements of the work done by the government at the Centre will translate into votes in the states where Assembly elections are held.

BJP bosses are hoping that the party's consolidation over 'positive votes' will get them an extended run in Assam and a new term in West Bengal after it helped them deliver a much better performance than senior alliance partner JD(U) in the recent Bihar elections.

"BJP is no more looking at anti-incumbency votes in Bengal against Trinamool Congress. BJP had already bagged anti-incumbency votes there in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Now, it's the positive vote that is coming to the aide of BJP in Bengal and Assam," said a Union minister, who recently returned from electioneering in the two states.

For BJP, 'positive vote' means people supporting the party candidate in the state elections due to the work done by the Central government, its welfare measures, and the appeal of PM Narendra Modi.

However, the BJP's electioneering in Bengal has focussed more on highlighting the failure of the TMC government, with thrust on syndicate, organised corruption, lack of development, non-implementation of Central schemes.

"In Assam, development done by the NDA government along with the achievements of the Centre will help BJP gain a straight second mandate on the basis of positive votes. In Bengal, BJP has worked up the aspirations of the people to expect better things, due to party being in power at the Centre. That aspiration will get the positive vote for BJP," said another Union minister, who has also been on election campaiging duty in Assam and Bengal.

Reflecting on Bengal, the minister claimed that TMC and BJP are pitched in a direct contest, with the Left and Congress failing to find space in people's attention during the build-up to polling. But he says the party has to better its 2019 performance by several notches.

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Candidates with assets of `1 crore and above

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Arrested for murderr of TMC worker in West Bengal

Three injured in Assam firing

Guwahati: Three persons were injured in firing by the body guards of Assam Assembly Deputy Speaker Aminul Haque Laskar after clashes broke out between supporters of BJP and AIUDF. Officials confirmed "an incident" and said the administration is waiting for a detailed report. It was learnt that those who got injured were non-critical. Election Commission officials they will not make any statement until a detailed report has been submitted.

E-rickshaw for elderly voters

Silchar (Assam): The Cachar district administration provided e-rickshaw facility to senior citizens with difficulties in travelling to polling stations in the second phase of Assam elections. Cachar Deputy Commissioner Keerthi Jalli said the e-rickshaw facility was provided to 60-plus voters, especially to those who have difficulty in mobility. They were also being felicitated for exercising their franchise, the official said.

BJP candidate's car vandalised

Keshpur (WB): BJP candidate from Keshpur constituency, Tanmay Ghosh's vehicle was vandalised allegedly by TMC supporters on Thursday, police said. Three persons were arrested in connection with the incident. A group of people attacked Ghosh's vehicle with bricks and sticks, and vandalised cars of media personnel. A team of central forces reached the spot and took appropriate action, said an official of the Election Commission of India.

Mithun Chakraborty campaigns for the BJP candidate in Howrah | PTI

Polling in troublesome Nandigram booth not disrupted, says Commission

Security personnel try to disperse a group of people shouting slogans against Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram on Thursday | PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission (EC) has cited a report of its general observer in West Bengal on Thursday to say that the voting process was not disrupted at any moment at polling station No 7 in Nandigram, from where Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is contesting.

In a statement, the commission said: "Many sections of media have been covering the incident of alleged gherao of Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and crowding at Polling Station No. 7 at 210 Nandigram AC (assembly constituency) today that inter alia resulted in disruption of poll process".

It said general observer Hemen Das, an IAS officer, and police observer Ashutosh Roy (IPS) were asked to go to the spot. The panel said the observer's report was received shortly after 4 pm.

"Polling at PS no 7 (Boyal Moktab Primary School) is going on smoothly. Hon'ble CM, who is also a contesting candidate, left the place at about 3.35 pm after staying here for nearly one and half hour. It may kindly be noted that polling was not disrupted at any moment. Till now, 702 votes, out of 943, have been polled. It is 74 per cent," the commission quoted the observer's report as saying.

Alleging that a few CRPF "misbehaved" with women voters at a polling booth in Nandigram, TMC had urged the Election Commission to take action against the offenders. In a letter to the poll panel, the ruling party claimed that CRPF personnel, posted at booth 197 were intimidating women.

On the other hand, BJP candidate Suvendu Adhikari's vehicle was blocked and that incident also caused tension. Security forces were kept busy by supporters of both sides.

Despite all that, polling percentage was high. Bankura district recorded the highest turnout at 82.92 per cent, followed by East Midnapore (81.23 per cent), South 24 Parganas (79.65 per cent) and West Midnapore (78 per cent). The overall average for the day was above 80.

EC asks Himanta to explain 'threat' comment by today

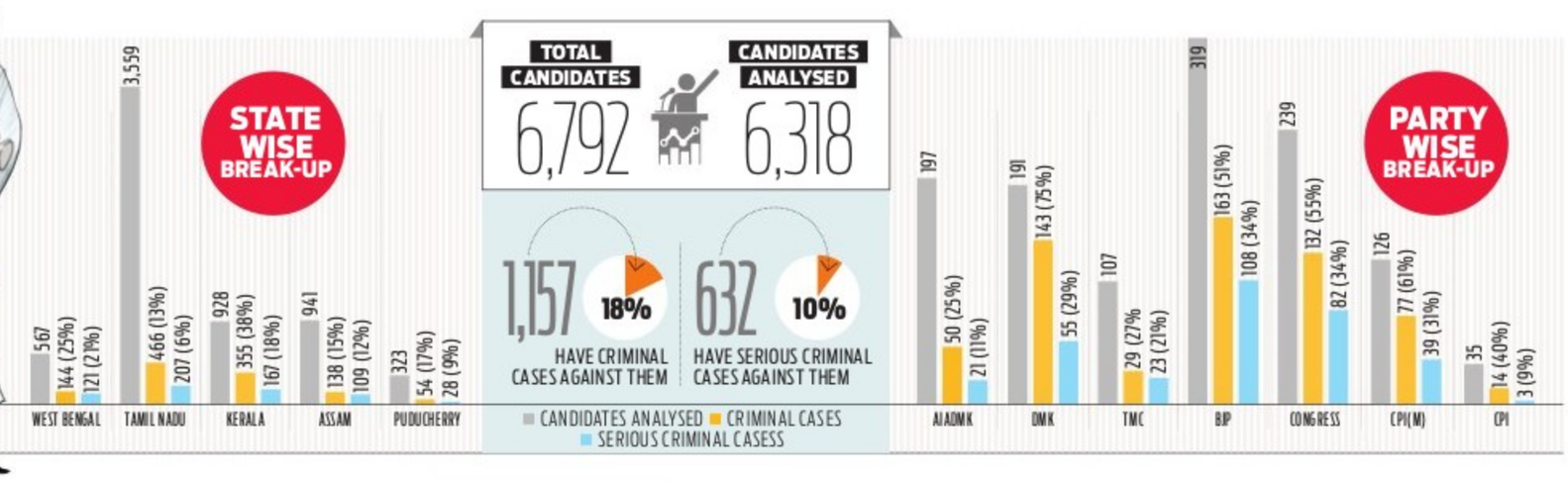
The Election Commission has served a notice on Assam's BJP minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for allegedly threatening Bodoland People's Front (BPF) chief Hagrama Mohilary. He has been asked to explain before 5 pm on April 2, failing which the commission can take a decision without speaking to him. Two days ago, BPF's poll ally Congress lodged a complaint and alleged that Sarma had intimidated Mohilary, a rebel-leader-turned-politician. "Whereas the Commission has obtained full transcript of Shri Sarma's statement from Chief Electoral Officer, Assam and whereas, the Commission is, prima facie, of the view that that Shri Sarma has violated the above said provisions of the Model Code of Conduct. Now, therefore, the Commission gives you an opportunity to explain your position in making the... statement on or before 5 pm of 2nd April," the notice reads.

POLL POSITION

Voters maintain social distance at a booth in Assam's Morigaon on Thursday | PTI

POLL STARS & DUBIOUS RECORDS

A report by poll rights group Association for Democratic Rights (ADR) has claimed that 18% candidates in the ongoing polls in four states and one UT have declared criminal cases against themselves. A look at the findings of the study...


STATE WISE BREAK-UP
WEST BENGAL 567 144 (25%) 121 (21%)
TAMIL NADU 3,559 466 (13%) 207 (6%)
KERALA 928 355 (38%) 167 (18%)
ASSAM 941 138 (15%) 109 (12%)
PUDUCHERRY 323 54 (17%) 28 (9%)
TOTAL CANDIDATES 6,792
CANDIDATES ANALYSED 6,318
1,157 18% HAVE CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST THEM
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PARTY WISE BREAK-UP
AIADMK 197 50 (25%) 21 (11%)
DMK 191 143 (75%) 55 (29%)
TMC 107 29 (27% 23 (21%)
BJP 319 163 (51%) 108 (34%)
CONGRESS 239 132 (55%) 82 (34%)
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US Climate Envoy Kerry to visit India next week on his maiden tour of Asia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

US Climate Envoy John Kerry will be in India next week, as a part of his tour of Asia, and hold discussions on climate issues ahead of the climate summit to be hosted online by US President Joe Biden on April 22.

This will be Kerry's first trip to Asia since assuming office earlier this year. He will be travelling to the UAE, India and Bangladesh between April 1 and 9. "Looking forward to meaningful discussions with friends in the Emirates, India and Bangladesh on how to tackle the climate crisis. #RoadToGlasgow," Kerry tweeted.

Kerry's visit comes days after US Defence Secretary Llyod Austin came to New Delhi and close on the heels of the US President's invitation to 40 world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for the April 22 virtual climate summit. The summit is aimed at setting the agenda for the COP26 Summit in Glasgow in June. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering are the other two leaders from South Asia to be invited for the two-day mega conference on climate change. By the time of the summit, the US will announce a 2030 emissions target as its new nationally-determined contribution under the Paris Agreement,

"John Kerry will travel to Abu Dhabi, New Delhi, and Dhaka, for consultations on increasing climate ambition ahead of President Biden's Leaders Summit on Climate April 22-23 and the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change later this year," said a statement.

EXPRESS READ

Committees to assess occupational safety

New Delhi: The Ministry of Labour and Employment has set up expert committees to review standards under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH&WC) Code, 2020. The OSH&WC Code was implemented after merging 13 labour laws and is aimed at simplifying laws regulating occupational safety in establishments. "The government has constituted committees comprising of industry and subject experts from public and private sector to review rules on safety, health and working conditions, pertaining to factories, docks and construction work," a ministry statement said.

India hails BIMSTEC connectivity plans

New Delhi: India on Thursday lauded a connectivity plan to link South Asian and South East Asian countries and called for pacts on coastal shipping and motor vehicles among BIMSTEC countries. "India remains committed to further building the momentum of regional cooperation under the BIMSTEC framework and make the organisation stronger, vibrant, more effective and result-oriented. I am delighted that member states have finalised the BIMSTEC Master Plan for Transport Connectivity which is expected to be adopted at the fifth BIMSTEC Summit," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said at a BIMSTEC ministerial meeting.

PIL in SC seeks clamp on black magic & superstitions

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

SEEKING directions to the Centre and state to control black magic and other superstitions, a PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court, stating that these practices need to be put under check for religious conversions through gifts and monetary benefits.

The plea filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay has also sought directions to ascertain the feasibility of appointing a committee to enact a Conversion of Religion Act to check the abuse of religion.

"Religious conversion by 'carrot and stick' and by 'hook or crook' not only offends Articles 14, 21, 25, but is also against the principles of secularism, which is integral part of basic structure of Constitution," the plea stated.

"The Centre and states have failed to control the menace of black magic, superstition and deceitful religious conversion, though it's their duty under Article 51A," the PIL stated, adding that the government has failed to take any concrete action against these menaces of the society.

AFSPA EXTENDED

The Centre has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in three districts of Arunachal Pradesh besides four police station areas in three other districts bordering Assam by another six months

6 DEATHS — HOOCH TRAGEDY TOLL IN UP'S UDAYPUR

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	40	23	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	38	19	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	34	21	Patna	37	18
Amritsar	27	10	Lucknow	36	20
Chennai	38	28	Port Blair	31	24
Kolkata	36	27	Imphal	30	13
Srinagar	20	01	Chandigarh	38	15

Number of shots rise on first day of Phase 3

Younger beneficiaries complain of delay despite early registration, authorities admit slowness in CoWIN portal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

ON the first day of the major expansion of the Covid-19 vaccination drive that has now opened for all above 45 years of age, the falling inoculation figures surged again as the doses administered on Thursday crossed 2 million mark, after a gap of several days.

A total of 22,94,254 beneficiaries received jabs till about 10 pm on Thursday— a day after 72,000 Covid-19 cases were detected countrywide — the vaccination dashboard maintained by the Centre showed.

The Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry said that a total of 17,47,094 vaccine doses were given till 8 pm, the 76th day of nationwide Covid-19 vaccination. Out of these, 16,20,746 beneficiaries were vaccinated for the first dose while 1,26,348 beneficiaries received the second dose of vaccine as per the provisional report of the ministry.

Meanwhile, many younger beneficiaries in several parts of the country complained that it took a long time to take the shot and they had to wait in long queues even after registering well in advance.

Authorities in states, on the other hand, claimed that the CoWIN portal, which is central to the vaccination process, was slow as a result of which uploading documents and verification took time.

In India, where the highest vaccinations in a single day—over 3 million—was achieved on March 22, this figure had gone down considerably over the last weekend due to Holi .

The second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, meanwhile, has resulted in a massive surge in cases in several states. So far, a total of 6,75,36,392 vaccine doses have been administered, as per the provisional report which include 88,48,558 healthcare workers who have taken the first dose and 52,63,108 healthcare workers who have taken the second dose.

Also, 93,99,776 frontline workers have now been given the first dose and 39,18, 646 in the category have received the second dose. Importantly, among the general population 4,01,06,304 over the age of 45 years old which include mostly those above 60, have now taken the shots against Covid19. Officials at the Centre have suggested that the government has set a target of achieving about 5 million vaccinations a day.

People wait to get vaccinated at ESIS Hospital Campus in Navi Mumbai | PTI

Modi wishes speedy recovery to CM's wife

PM Narendra Modi called up Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray and inquired about the health of his wife, who is undergoing treatment for Covid in a city hospital. The prime minister wished Rashmi Thackeray a speedy recovery.

Two dozen ventilators stop functioning

At least 27 ventilators at a government-run medical college and hospital in Beed in Maharashtra have stopped functioning. Officials decided to procure additional ventilators and borrow 10 more devices from a centre.

Regulator defers decision on Sputnik V vaccine

New Delhi: A panel of the country' drug regulator has deferred a decision on recommending Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) to Russia's vaccine Sputnik V and has asked its Indian partner Dr Reddy's Laboratories for more data on the vaccine. The Covid subject expert committee of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization has asked the Hyderabad-based firm for additional fact sheet apart from details on its stability as a variant of the vaccine needs to be stored at a temperature of -18 degree C.

Vehicles carrying oxygen don't need permits

New Delhi: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has said vehicles carrying oxygen cylinders will not require permit till September 30. The decision was taken in view of the Covid situation in the country. "We have approved the extension of exemption to the requirement of permit under the Motor Vehicles Act to September 30, 2021 for vehicles transporting oxygen cylinders. This will facilitate the carriage and movement of oxygen," said the ministry.

Police reach the site of attack at Srinagar's Nowgam on Thursday | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

Third terror attack within a week claims cop's life in Srinagar

FAYAZ WANI@Srinagar

IN the third attack within a week, militants on Thursday attacked the residence of a BJP leader in Nowgam area in outskirts of Srinagar, killing a policeman and snatching his service weapon.

Blaming Lashkar-e-Toiba, the police claimed four militants launched the attack targeting BJP leader Mohammad Anwar Khan at Aaribagh, Nowgam in the outskirts of Srinagar. It was the second such attack on BJP activists in three days.

Anwar, who is district general secretary of Baramulla and in charge of Kupwara, was not present in the house at the time of attack. His family members, however, were present inside.

In the militant attack, policeman Rameez Raja sustained multiple bullet injuries and was rushed to SMHS hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. Before fleeing from the spot, militants decamped with the service weapon of the policeman.

Top security officials and a contingent of police and CRPF reached the spot and launched a search operation in the area. The police took over CCTVs installed at Khan's house to analyse the footage.

Inspector General, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said one of the four Lashkar militants wearing a *burqa* knocked the door. "When the policeman opened the door, two militants fired at him indiscriminately and another militant came and snatched his service rifle."

Two militants were identified as Shahid Khurshid and Obaid Shafi, both hailing from Srinagar, the IG said. Of the three attacks in the Kashmir Valley, two were in Srinagar. On March 25, militants had attacked a CRPF vehicle at Lawaypora area in the outskirts of Srinagar, killing three paramilitary personnel and injuring another. Four days on, militants attacked the municipal office in Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district and killed two BJP councillors and a policeman.

BJP general secretary (organisation) Ashok Kaul asked the government to increase the security of the party leaders in the Valley.

The BJP workers should be given proper security so that they do not become easy targets for militants. We need more security for our party workers — Ashok Kaul, BJP general secretary (organisation)

Mumbai heads for partial lockdown, measures likely today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

FOLLOWING a spurt in Covid cases in Mumbai, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is set to shut down theatres, religious places and malls. On Thursday, Mumbai reported 8,646 Covid positive cases — its highest one-day rise since the pandemic began — and 18 deaths. Over 5,000 were cured and discharged.

Mayor Kishori Pednekar said officials are evaluating the situation and have decided to shutter vulnerable places. "We want to impose these measures from April 2. It will help in controlling the crowd. In hotel and restaurants, 50% attendance should be allowed. It is observed that senior citizens and children are getting infected after going to religious places. We have to control the spread of the virus by shutting down these places," said the Mayor.

Pednekar said Mumbai local trains carrying a large number of people could also be a major hub for the super-spread of the virus. "Except ferrying essential services, the other trains could also be shut down. Shops and business establishments will operate on alternate days, which would help in reducing public gatherings," she added.

The BMC has issued SOPs for asymptomatic patients who prefer home isolation. Such patients will have to ensure separate washrooms and should cooperate with the BMC health officers who will visit their places for monitoring. Asymptomatic patients should keep oxygen meters, thermometers and other equipment for constant monitoring of their health status.

With the spectre of a lockdown looming large, the industry associations representing cinema, retail, and shopping industries said they won't be able to bear another lockdown. The associations urged Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to not impose a lockdown in Maharashtra where COVID-19 cases continue to rise.

Overall, the situation is grim as Maharashtra added 6,51,513 Covid cases in March.

Kin of migrants crushed by train get certificates after wait of 11 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

THE Maharashtra government has finally issued death certificates of 16 migrant labourers from Madhya Pradesh who were run over by a goods train during the nationwide Covid lockdown on May 8, 2020 in Aurangabad.

Ten of the victims hailed from Shahdol district, out of which nine were from Antauli village in Jaisinagar tehsil. The remaining six were natives of MP's Umaria and Katni districts.

This newspaper had reported on March 22 how 16 families in MP's Shahdol, Umaria and Katni districts were still to get the death certificates of their kin even ten months after the tragedy.

Dilip Pandey, Jaisinagar sub divisional magistrate, told *TNIE* on Thursday that the certificates were issued on March 31. "Shahdol collector Satyendra Singh has been pursuing the matter for months. Over the last 10 days, he again took up the matter with his counterpart in Maharashtra's Aurangabad district, after which the death certificates were finally issued on March 31," he said.

The certificates were handed over to the families in Antauli village of Shahdol district by the CEO of Jaisinagar Janpad Panchayat on Thursday.

Importantly, the death certificates issued by the Satand gram panchayat of Maharashtra's Aurangabad district mention about the death certificates having been registered on March 30, 2021 and issued a day later. It's still not clear why authorities took over 10 months to issue the death certificates, which they did on March 31last year in just 24 hours.

All the 16 men worked in steel factories in Maharashtra's Jalna town and had lost their jobs amid the lock-down. They had decided to return home on foot on May 7, 2020 evening, after missing a Shramik Special train. After walking for 40-odd km, the tired lot sat on the track between Karnad and Badnapur railway stations and eventually went into a deep sleep. At around 5.22 am, the train ran over them.

EXPRESS READ

CRPF personnel douse Dantewada forest fire

Raipur: The CRPF succeeded in dousing a major forest fire blazing near Aranpur terrain in Dantewada, about 450 km south of Raipur, on Thursday. According to the CRPF officers, the forest fire was raging along the Jagargunda route close to the forested mountainous terrain near Aranpur since Wednesday late night and fast spreading to newer areas of the jungle. "Around 60 jawans swung into action since the wee hours of Thursday and brought the fire under control with whatever limited resources they had," a senior officer said.

Gujarat passes anti-love jihad Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

AFTER Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat became the third state to clear a Bill seeking to penalise forcible or fraudulent religious conversion by marriage.

All the three states are under the rule of BJP. Similarly, Haryana and Karnataka governments have also given hints of introducing a similar law.

On Thursday, the Gujarat Legislative Assembly passed the Bill that seeks to amend the Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act, 2003.

Legislative Affairs Minister Pradeepsinh Jadeja tabled the Bill in the Assembly.

The Bill has provision for 3 to10 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹5 lakh if the accused is found guilty.

The new 'love jihad' law will invite a jail term of five years and ₹2 lakh penalty on the forced conversion of women. If the victim is a minor, a woman, a Dalit or tribal, then the offenders may be punished with a jail term of 4-7 years and a fine of not less than ₹3 lakh.

When it comes to an organisation found violating the law, the person in charge can be sentenced to minimum of 3 years and maximum of 10 years in jail.

Moreover, the provisions say that the burden to prove that a religious conversion was not affected through misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or any other fraudulent means shall lie on the accused and his or her facilitators.

The offence of such religious conversion through marriage shall be considered cognisable and non-bailable.

Gehlot agrees Centre-state ties taking hit

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has supported his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee over her charge that the Centre was making states financially weaker. Gehlot took to social media on Thursday saying he too has echoed the same issue in the state assembly as well as outside on many occasions.

"On the one hand, the Prime Minister talks about cooperative federalism and, on the other hand, the states are being made financially weak," Gehlot tweeted.

The CM said the Centre had increased the states' share in the centrally sponsored schemes and reduced the Centre's share which has adversely impacted the states' revenue. He said many states were not getting their full share from the GST revenue.

He also tweeted about devolution of powers, the divisible pool and the change that has been effected in the sharing pattern of the centrally sponsored schemes. "What Mamata Banerjee has said is right that the Centre is working to weaken the states," said Gehlot, who was in Assam campaigning for the Congress.

Mahakumbh begins under shadow of virus

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AMID a raging second Covid-19 wave across the country, the month-long Mahakumbh began in Haridwar on Thursday with a number of restrictions in place.

Interacting with the media via video conference, Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat said all preparations had been done to make the Mahakumbh grand as well as safe for pilgrims and that a whopping ₹700 crore had been spent towards ensuring the same.

The Mela area has a hospital with 159 beds and requisite medical staff while 38 temporary hospitals, 200 doctors and 1,500 paramedical staff have also been deployed, said officials.

Devotees take the plunge in the Ganga at Haridwar on Thursday | U'KHAND GOVT

Checking on the state borders has been intensified to ensure that those visiting the state for the Mahakumbh are carrying a negative RT-PCR test report. The government had made it mandatory for people travelling to Uttarakhand from states with high caseload to carry a negative Covid-19 report. Noting that organising of the event was a "gargantuan logistical problem", the Uttarakhand High Court had earlier directed the state government to increase daily testing to at least 50,000 persons.

With the pandemic cloud over the religious congregation somewhat hampering preparations, the Centre on Thursday allocated an additional ₹325 crore for the event to fill the gaps in arrangements.

Forest officials told to control fire in tiger reserve

Two days after a raging wildfire engulfed parts of Badhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Umaria district, the CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan finally took note of the development on Wednesday. While reviewing the situation, the CM instructed the forest department officials to immediately control the fire to prevent loss of forest wealth, including animals, in the fast spreading blaze. As per informed sources, the fire has spread to many parts of the reserve, including Magadhi, Tala and Dhamokhar ranges. Pictures and videos of the blaze have gone viral all over social media.

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Public pressure forces govt to revoke tax hike in Indore

Mounting public pressure and opposition by both the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress have compelled the state government to suspend a hike in municipal taxes announced two days ago by the Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC). There was growing public resentment in Indore (known as the country's cleanest city) over the hike in municipal taxes, with major political parties opposing the move. Sensing that the issue could hurt the ruling party's prospects in the next civic polls, the state government finally announced on Thursday suspension of the hike. "The hike in all types of taxes and user charges has been suspended respecting the sentiments of Indoreans," local BJP MLA and Madhya Pradesh Water Resources Minister Tulsi Silawat informed.

MP revenue-transport minister tests positive

Govind Singh Rajput, the revenue and transport minister in the Shivraj Singh Chouhan Cabinet, tested Covid-19 positive on Thursday. Rajput, one of the Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist ministers, took to Twitter on Thursday to post a video, informing that he has tested positive for the coronavirus infection. Rajput, a powerful politician from Bundelkhand region, is the first minister of the present BJP government to have tested positive amid the fresh wave of the outbreak in state. As per sources, he will be treated at a private hospital in Bhopal.

Scindia among BJP's star campaigners in Bengal

A year after joining the BJP and scripting the fall of Congress government in Madhya Pradesh, Rajya Sabha member Jyotiraditya Scindia has been included in the list of the saffron party's star campaigners for the ongoing eight-phase Assembly polls in West Bengal. This will be the first time that the former union minister will campaign for BJP outside MP. Scindia's name figures 24th in the 30-strong list submitted by the BJP to the Election Commission of India. The opposition Congress, however, targeted its former leader Scindia over featuring on the 24th spot, ten places down MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who is 14th on the same list.

6 terrorists
arrested by Pakistan security forces for plotting attacks against army personnel

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	17	11	SNY	Los Angeles	24	8	SNY
Colombo	32	23	TDS	Melbourne	24	16	TDS
Dhaka	28	16	SNY	Moscow	-8	-15	LC
Dubai	26	17	SNY	New York	28	-4	SNY
Houston	20	11	SNY	Singapore	31	26	TDS
Istanbul	16	7	LC	Toronto	4	-3	SNY
London	12	4	LC	Washington	8	-2	LC

Over 40 kids killed in Myanmar: Report

Estimate comes as junta charges Aung San Suu Kyi with breaching colonial-era secrets act

YANGON

FORTY-THREE children are among at least 337 people killed in Myanmar since the February 1 coup, NGO Save the Children said on Thursday.

"Children have witnessed violence and horror," the group said in a statement. "It is clear that Myanmar is no longer a safe place for children," it said.

Estimates of the overall toll since the coup vary with the conservative estimates pegging the total at 337 while a local monitoring group—Assistance Association for Political Prisoners— allied with the anti-coup protesters, says 536 have been killed.

On Wednesday night, the junta declared a conditional ceasefire to pursue peace talks with ethnic groups in the country's east that have stepped up attacks on security forces since the coup. Three of them—the Ta'ang National Liberation Army, the Myanmar Nationalities Democratic Alliance Army, and the Arakan Army—on Wednesday threatened to join the protesters' fight against the military.

Two other outfits—the Karen National Union (KNU) and the Kachin Independence Army (KIA)—have stepped up attacks on military and police in recent days, The ceasefire does not apply to anti-coup protesters. On Thursday, there were reports of further killings. Reuters reported that at least two people were shot dead on Thursday.

Anti-coup demonstrators gather tires to burn in Tarmwe township, Yangon on Thursday | AP

As the crisis grinds on, the UN special envoy for Myanmar warned that the country faces the possibility of civil war "at an unprecedented scale"

Christine Schraner Burgener urged the UN Security Council to consider "potentially significant action" to reverse the February 1 military coup and restore democracy.

She also warned that the country "is on the verge of spiraling into a failed state".

"This could happen under our watch," she said on Wednesday, "and failure to prevent further escalation of atrocities will cost the world so much more in the long term than investing now in prevention, especially by Myanmar's neighbours and the wider region". Schraner Burgener urged the council "to consider all available tools to take collective action" and do what the people of Myanmar deserve—"prevent a multidimensional catastrophe in the heart of Asia".

On Thursday, opponents of the military government declared the country's 2008 constitution void and put forward an interim replacement charter late on Wednesday in a major political challenge to the ruling junta. The moves, while more symbolic than practical, could help woo the country's armed ethnic militias to ally themselves with the mass protest movement. The actions were taken by the CRPH, an underground, self-styled alternative government established by elected lawmakers who were not allowed to take their seats when the military staged the coup and ousted and detained civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

Britain on Thursday ramped up sanctions against the Myanmar junta over its brutal crackdown on protests.

The sanctions came as Suu Kyi was charged with breaking a colonial-era official secrets law. "A lawsuit was filed under the official secret law on March 25 at the Yangon eastern district court," her lawyer said.

Late on Thursday night, the junta ordered internet service providers to shut down the country's wireless services, telecommunications company Ooredoo said. *Agencies*

BIDEN LETS TRUMP' H-1B VISA BAN EXPIRE

POTUS VOWS TO MAKE BIG FIRMS PAY

Washington: US President Joe Biden vowed on Wednesday to make companies like Amazon pay their fair share in taxes to fund his ambitious $2 trillion infrastructure plan. He said it was not about "retribution" against the wealthy and successful, but the fact that Amazon pays zero in federal taxes is "just wrong." Biden on Wednesday unveiled the far-reaching plan to shore up the nation's highways, bridges and ports, as well as fund telecommunications upgrades plus research and development to boost competitiveness, especially compared to China. A key source of the financing would come from increasing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, and cracking down on the use of tax havens to avoid paying US taxes. AFP

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Thursday let the ban on foreign workers visa, in particular H-1B, lapse as the notification issued by his predecessor Donald Trump expired, an action likely to benefit thousands of Indian IT professionals.

Amidst a national lockdown and the Covid-19 crisis, Trump in June last year issued a proclamation that suspended entry to the US of applicants for several temporary or 'non-immigrant' visa categories, including H-1B, arguing that these visas presented a risk to the US labour market during the economic recovery.

On December 31, Trump extended the order to March 31, 2021, noting that an extension was warranted as the pandemic continued to disrupt American's lives, and high levels of unemployment and job loss were still presenting serious economic challenges to workers across the US.

Biden did not issue a fresh proclamation for the ban on H-1B visas to continue after March 31.

He had promised to lift the suspension on H-1B visas, saying Trump's immigration policies were cruel.

The expiry of Trump's proclamation would now result in the issuing of H-1B visas by American diplomatic missions overseas that would result in US companies bringing in talented technology professionals inside the country.

No new proclamation was issued by Biden till Wednesday mid-night, resulting in the automatic end to the ban on issuing of fresh H-1B visas.

The Wall Street Journal reported that the White House will not renew a ban on H-1B and other work-based visas imposed last year in response to the Covid-19 pandemic that is set to expire on Wednesday. Meanwhile, a Republican Senator from Missouri on Wednesday urged Biden to issue a fresh proclamation to continue with the H-1B visa ban. *PTI*

EXPRESS READ

Black advisor to UK PM quits

LONDON: UK PM Boris Johnson's most senior black adviser has quit, a day after a government-commissioned report provoked outrage by saying that structural racism does not exist in Britain. Samuel Kasumu had been talked out of resigning by ministers in February, after he complained of "unbearable" tension within Downing Street and said Johnson's Conservative Party was pursuing "a politics steeped in division".

New chilling footage shows Floyd pleading for his life

MINNEAPOLIS :Chilling police body camera footage was shown to the jury on Wednesday at the trial of the white policeman accused of killing George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man whose death touched off anti-racism protests around the world. The video taken by the bodycams of the four police officers involved in Floyd's arrest.

9 Hong Kong activists convicted for organising protests

HONG KONG: Nine veteran Hong Kong activists face jail after they were convicted on Thursday for their roles in organising one of the biggest democracy protests in 2019. The defendants included some of Hong Kong's most prominent pro-democracy campaigners, many of whom are non-violence advocates who have spent decades campaigning in vain for universal suffrage.

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOSS OF DOCUMENT
The General Public are hereby notified by this public notice that, **Sri. VENKATESH.A,** S/o Iyer, R/at No.291, Bandepalya, Hongasandra Dhakale, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560 068, has lost the **Original registered Sale deed dated 03.01.2017 as document No.BTM-1-03751/2016-17 of Book-1, CD. No.BTMD106, property bearing Site No.2, New BBMP Katha No.164/1/2, formed in Converted Sy No.164/1, Situated at: Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** Bangalore, measuring **East to West 30 feet and North to South23 feet, totally measuring 690 Sq.ft.** the said Document stands in the name of **N.BABU,** I have lodged a complaint to this effect with Online complaint, on 29.03.2021. Any finder of this original document may kindly hand over to me at the address mentioned above.
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Mob: 9986137749

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Information Technology Department
Central Office: 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-600002
Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:
RFP Reference Number: RFP/ITD/013/20-21 DATED 31.03.2021
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF NETWORK INTEGRATOR FOR NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND OTHER NETWORK DEVICE MANAGEMENT
The RFP document for the above tender is available in bank's e-tendering website **https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net & www.iob.in.** For RFP details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the above websites.

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P.G. Dept of Studies in Zoology
Pavate Nagar, Dharwad - 580 003. Karnatka
KU/PG/ZOO/DST/CBG/Tender/CALL-2/2021-22/16 Date: 31/ 03/2021
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement system only)
Tenders are invited from reputed Manufacturing Companies/Authorized dealers for the supply of Scientific Equipments to Dr. Ganesh C.B, Principal Investigator (SERB-DST Project), Dept of Zoology, Karnatak University, Dharwad, for the year 2021-22. Last date for submission of online tender form is **15/04/2021**. For more details visit **www.kud.ac.in** and download the information from website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
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CHANGE OF NAME
I, Chowdesh Kumar.B, S/o Late Bommaiah, residing @ No.U.26, 1st Cross, Near Anjaneya Temple, Anjaneya Block, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020, have changed my name as **SHREYANK** Vide Affidavit dated 31.03.2021 sworn to before the Notary M.Rajendra. Hence I shall be called as **SHREYANK.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASAVALINGA,** S/o Ajithkumar, aged about 34 years, R/at No. 302, ABM Residency, Vijayashree Layout, Mylasandra, 1st Main Road, Kengari, Bangalore-560060, have changed my name from **BASAVALINGA** to **BASAVARAJ .A**, vide affidavit dated 23.02.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **CHANDRASHEKARAIAH .S,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ELIZABETH PEREIRA**, D/o Anthony Francis Pereira, aged about 32 years, R/at No. 302, ABM Residency, Vijayashree Layout, Mylasandra, 1st Main Road, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060, have changed my name from **ELIZABETH PEREIRA** to **ELIZA PEREIRA,** vide affidavit dated 26.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary H.C. THAMMANNAGOWDA, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ZAMIRA MALLICK**, W/o Syeed Malick, aged about 70 years, R/at No. 17/1, Khazi Street, MD Block, Basavagudi, Bangalore-560004 at Bangalore, have changed my name from **ZAMEERUNISSA BEGUM** to **ZAMIRA MALLICK,** vide affidavit dated 01.04.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary T.C. THIMMARAJA, Bangaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. PRAKASH,** S/o Singaram, aged about 42 years, R/at. No. 15, 9th Cross, 16th E Main Road, J.C. Nagar, Kurubarahalli, Bengaluru-560086, have changed my daughter name from **P. MANISH** to **S.P. MANISHA SHRI,** vide affidavit dated 01.04.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary R. SULAKSHANA, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
We, **PRASANNA S.,** S/o. Late Shivalinge Gowda, aged about 37 years and **PRAMILA M.L.** W/o. Prasanna S., aged about 34 years, both are residing at No. 111, Gruhalakshmi Nilaya, 12th Cross Road, Ideal Homes Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 098, have changed our Daughter's name from **SHRIYA P.** to **JNANAAKSHI P.** vide affidavit dated 01-04-2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary Puttaramaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIRMALA S.N.,** W/o Mr. Muzafar U Zaman Pandit, age 49 years, R/at #A107, Nandi Woods Apartment, Yelanahalli, Begur Road, Tajeswini Nagar, Off. Bannerghatta Road, bangalore do hereby I have changed my name from **NOOREN AYESHA** to **NIRMALA S.N.,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **NIRMALA S.N.** only vide affidavit dated 1st April 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.G. SRIRAM** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARADA KODURU** (New Name) aged about 49 years, W/o Chenchaiah Koduru, residing at No. 76, Chenchulaxmi Nilayam, 7th Main, 1st Cross, Kammagondanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560015, have changed my name from **SARADA KODURU** (Old Name) to **SHARADA KODURU** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 1-4-2021, before Notary **Gangaraju B.N.** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMBILI UNNI,** spouse of CK Vasudevan Unni, resident of No. 26, Vrindavanam, Maruthi Layout, MS Palya, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore-560 097, have changed my name from **AMBILI UNNI** to **AMBILI T**, vide affidavit dated 30.03.2021, sworn before City Civil and Small Causes Judge, City Civil Court, Bangalore District, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PADMA VENKATESH** (New Name), aged about 25 years, W/o Venkatesh, residing at Akshayanagar, R.M. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 016, have changed my name from **RENUKA KIRAN KUMAR** (Old Name) to **PADMA VENKATESH** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 01/04/2021, before Notary **Gangaraju B.N.,** Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARRATH M.V,** S/o D. Venkatesh, age 34 years, R/at No. 1471, 17th C Main Road, HBR Layout, Kalyannagar Post, Bengaluru-560 043, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARATH M.V** to **SHARRATH M.V.,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARRATH M.V.** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31st March 2021, sworn before Notary **S.I. Balaguru** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Sri. Channaraya Reddy .M**, S/o Late Muniyappa, aged about 68 years, residing at No.334, New No. 19, Veerabhadraswamy Nilaya, Kodihalli Main Road, HAL Airport Road, Kodihalli, HAL II stage, Bengaluru-560 008, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:
1. I state that, I am the permanent resident of above said address. I have bank accounts in two banks and also I have movable and immoveable properties in my name, till date in all bank transaction and property transactions I have affixed my signature in English. Now I am aged about 68 years and, I am suffering from old age ailments such as diabetes, Hyper tension and also I had suffered paralysis stroke, in that background of the matter now a days I am not in a position to affix my signature as usual and till date I have maintained the signature with struggling, from 31-03-2021 I have decided not to affix my signature and to continue by affixing left thumb mark. With an intention of bringing the said fact to the notice of public, I am publishing the fact of changing from signature to Left Thumb Mark (LTM). This is for the public notice from now on I do only the left thumb impression, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOWTHAMI** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Smt. Vanalakshmi**, W/o Sri Channaraya Reddy .M, aged about 63 years, residing at No.334, New No. 19, Veerabhadraswamy Nilaya, Kodihalli Main Road, HAL Airport Road, Kodihalli, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru-560 008, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:
I state that, I am the permanent resident of above said address. I have bank account in a bank and also I have movable and immoveable properties in my name, till date in all bank transaction and property transactions I have affixed my signature in English. Now I am aged about 63 years and I am suffering from old age ailments such as diabetes and Hyper tension, in that background of the matter now a days I am not in a position to affix my signature as usual and till date I have maintained the signature with struggling, from 31-03-2021, I have decided not to affix my signature and to continue by affixing left thumb mark. With an intention of bringing the said fact to the notice of public, I am publishing the fact of changing from signature to Left Thumb Mark (LTM). This is for the public notice from now on I do only the left thumb impression, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOWTHAMI** at Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, Army No: 8037153Y, Rank: NK/TS, Name: SHALIN. R, Permanent Address residing at Champion Reefs, Champion Reefs, Champion Reefs, Bangarapet, Kolar-563117, Karnataka, I state that in my service record my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as **KUMARI** instead of her correct name is **MARIYA SANTHA KUMARI,** her Date of Birth is 01.01.1957, vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021, before notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Vikas Chand B. aged 52 years S/o Bhawarlal Bhandari Residing at No.12/1, Kamal Villa, Sripuram, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 20, my name is shown In my Daughter's School records as Rashi V. Jain D/o Vikas Chand Jain instead of Rashi V. Jain D/o Vikas Chand B. & In my Daughter's Birth Certificate also my name is Vikas Chand B. Hereby I state that my correct name is **Vikas Chand B.** vide affidavit dated 26.03.2021 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AMULYA, aged about 29 years, Wife of Sri. Chetan R Belgaumkar, Residing at No. 1879 C Block, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore-560092, have changed my name to AMULYA CHETAN Vide affidavit dated 30-03-2021 sworn before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Ramanujam Sampath Kumar Murali Krishna, son of Ramanujam Sampath Kumar, aged about 40 years, residing at G2, Malleshwaram Enclave, 105, 11th Cross, 11th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003, am the father of my minor daughter, whose name in the Birth Certificate issued by the Government of Karnataka is 'Sanjana M Krishnaa', and in the Aadhaar issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is 'Sanjana Murali Krishnaa'. I have changed my minor daughter's name to 'M.K. Senjulakshmi' for religious reasons, vide Affidavit dated 18.03.2021, sworn before the Advocate and Notary, Veena K, Bangalore. I will use the said Affidavit to amend the Birth Certificate issued by the Government of Karnataka and the Aadhaar issued by the UIDAI, to change the name of my daughter from 'Sanjana M Krishnaa' and 'Sanjana Murali Krishnaa' respectively to 'M.K. Senjulakshmi'.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAGHAVENDRA S, Aged about 26 years, S/o Sri. Subramani, R/at.No 112, Abbigere, Near Ganesha Temple, Chikkabanavara Bangalore-560090. I have changed my name from **RAGHAVENDRA S** to **RAGHAVENDRA ARASU S'** Vide affidavit dated 31/03/2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary B. Chitra Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VANIKA** D/o. **RAJINDER KUMAR,** Aged about 31 years, R/at.No 547, 4th Cross Road, CBI Main Road, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032. I have changed my name from **VANIKA** to **VANIKA KAUSHISH JHA'** Vide affidavit dated 01/04/2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary G. R. Ravichandra Reddy Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASMAA PARWEEN** W/o Md.Kafeel, Aged about 39 years, residing at No.37/1B, Arakere Village, Near AECS Magnolia Public School, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'JAMBUBATI KAHANA'** to **"ASMAA PARWEEN",** Vide affidavit dated 01.04.2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary V.Rangaraju, Bangalore.

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The General Public is hereby informed that my client **Mr.Sanjay Kumar Baid Partner of Guru Punvaanii Properties 9th Avenue,** #14, 3rd Cross, 1st Floor, N S Iyengar, Road, 4th Block, Kumara Park West, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560020. intends to purchase an agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 61/9 (old Sy. No. 61/2) measuring 03-35-08 A-G (Three acres, Thirty Five and a half guntas) and 00-02 A-G (two guntas) of kharab land, bounded on **East by :** Shiradi Sai Engineering College (previously Krishnappa and Thayappa's land), **West by :** Sunandamma's land (Sy. No. 61/2), **North by :** Rama Reddy's land, **South by :** Vyasarayanagar Layout (earlier Karpur Muniyappa's land), situated at **Guddanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District** from **K. Shanthamma and Anjali K. Reddy.**
In case any person has any right, title, interest, claim of whatsoever nature, by way of sale, gift, lease, heir ship, possession, or any other nature in respect of the aforesaid property, the same should be known in writing to me at the address below with the documentary proof within **14 (fourteen) days** from the date hereof, failing which it shall be construed that such claim is waived, abandoned.
BHARATH KUMAR V BA.LLB. Advocate
No. 4/22nd Floor, Shamsuddin Block, HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560002 M:9485629337
email : bharath.advocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public and financial institutions in general are hereby notified that Sri Raju B. N. and Sri Rama B. N., both sons of Sri B. K. Nagaraj have jointly entered into an agreement of sale in respect of the Schedule Property in favor of my client representing, inter alia, that they are the sole and absolute owners in exclusive possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, the same having devised and bequeathed in their favor by their late Grand-mother Hanumamma W/o L. Kempanna by her last Will dated 10/03/2010 registered as document No.CMP-3-00219-2009-10 of Book-III in CD No.CMPD16 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru and that the Schedule Property is free from all kinds of encumbrances, charges, litigations, partition and pre-emption rights, etc.
Any person/s, having any valid/ tenable, subsisting right, title, interest, charge or claims in or over or against the Schedule Property or any portion thereof or having valid objection for the intended sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid persons in favor of my client shall lodge their claim/objections in writing along-with supporting documents, if any, with the under-mentioned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no valid claims or objections received within the stipulated time, my client will proceed to complete the registration formalities. Belated claims or objections shall not be binding on my client and are liable to be ignored.
SCHEDULE:
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the residential immovable property bearing Municipal New No.37 (Old No.22), PID No.45-6-37, situated at RAMACHANDRA AGRAHARA, Chamarajpet, Ward No.141 (Azadnagar) of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, MEASURING:
EAST TO WEST: 20 feet (Twenty Feet);
NORTH TO SOUTH: 60 feet (Sixty Feet);
in all admeasuring an extent of 1200 Square feet and BOUNDED on the:
EAST by : Property of Siddappa;
WEST by : Property of B K Harsha & B. K. Kavyashree;
NORTH by : Road;
SOUTH by : Property of Neelamma & Shivakumar.
Together with entire Old residential construction thereon with all civic amenities
SHANMUKHA SAMPIGE, Advocate
39, ASVNV Bhavan, KG Road
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NOTICE INVITING " PARTIES TO PREQUALIFY"
The joint Venture(JV) comprising ONGC, GSPC has its Onshore Gas Terminal at P. Mallavaram near Kakinada and a Captive power plant of power generating capacity of 43MW(21.5 X 2). ONGC invites "Parties to Prequalify" for hiring operating and maintenance of captive power plant at OGT for 3 years, from reputed service providers. **Time schedule for commencement of services:** as mentioned in the PQC/Tender document. **Place of execution:** OGT, P. Mallavaram, HPHT Asset, ONGC, Kakinada, AP, India. **Documents for submission:** Documents as desired in PQC with necessary compliances. **Date of submission of documents:** within 10 calendar days from date of publication of this notice. For complete details, vendors are requested to visit tendering website of ONGC to download PQC: **https://tenders.ongc.co.in**
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Firms are requested to Login to https://www.ireps.gov.in-login>E.Tendergoods & services (new) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for all tender 14:30 hours.

Sl.No.	Tender No.	Description	Due Date
1	21210214	HOLDING MAGNET VALVE (MODIFIED).	06-APR-2021
2	04210660A	BRACKET COMPLETE FOR EQUALISING STAY	08-APR-2021
3	11210376	4 'V' DEEP-GROOVED PULLEY	08-APR-2021
4	04210969	SECONDARY VERTICAL DAMPER	09-APR-2021
5	21210852	HOSE CONNECTION	12-APR-2021
6	04210616	AUXILIARY RESERVOIR 200 LITRES CAPACITY	12-APR-2021
7	26205021A	MAIN COMPRESSOR 1750/1745 LPM WITH MOTOR	13-APR-2021
8	04210101	UPPER RUBBER WASHER FOR BOGIE BOLSTER	15-APR-2021
9	06215004	NEURO NAVIGATION SYSTEM	15-APR-2021
10	11210598	FLEXIBLE POLYMIDE CONDUIT	15-APR-2021
11	04210920	COVER COMPLETE FOR SIDE BEARER	16-APR-2021
12	04210017	COMPENSATING RING FOR AXLE BOX GUIDE	19-APR-2021
13	44210545	FLAP DOOR ARRANGEMENT	19-APR-2021
14	26212059	ABUTMENT PIECE TO HITACHI DRG. NO. 10 Q	20-APR-2021
15	44210241A	COUPLER BODY WITH SHANK WEAR PLATE	21-APR-2021
16	06204249B	LP SHEET NON AC	22-APR-2021
17	04210191	ENHANCED SCREW COUPLING ASSEMBLY	23-APR-2021
18	04210119	DOUBLE ACTING HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBER	23-APR-2021
19	78215163	SUPPLY OF COMPLETE SEAT ASSEMBLY FOR LHB AC DOUBLE DECKER COACHES AS PER MTDS-219	12-APR-2021
20	82205801A	MAIN LED SIGNAL YELLOW ASPECT	15-APR-2021
21	82205807B	MAIN LED SIGNAL GREEN ASPECT	16-APR-2021
22	82205770	SMPS BASED IPS 6 LINES	28-APR-2021
23	78215236	CENTRE PIVOT TOP FOR BLC WAGON	28-APR-2021
The following e-bid has been published in GeM website. Firms are requested to login to **www.gem.gov.in** and quoted against the following e-bid. Manual quotations will not be entertained.			
24	GEM/2021/B/11467	FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES IN THE PREMISES OF BOTH CARRIAGE & WAGON WORKS AND LOCO WORKS, PERAMBUR	16-APR-2021 11.00 HRS
25	Bid no. GEM/2021/B/1140018	REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND WATER SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN RAILWAY HOSPITAL, NEW RAILWAY HOSPITAL AND NEW JOINT OFFICE-1 YEAR.	09-APR-2021

Principal Chief Materials Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our client intends purchasing the Schedule Properties. Any person/s having any right, title, interest and/or claim over the Schedule Properties or any objection for the purchase of the Schedule Properties by our client, may lodge his/her/their claim and objection to the undersigned with documentary proof within seven days from today, failing which, it will be deemed that there are no claims or objections and/or that the claim/s, if any, has/have been given up and our client will proceed ahead with the transaction of purchasing the Schedule Properties as being free from all claims, encumbrance etc.
SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.98, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas of Vagata Agrahara Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on the:
East by : Property belongs P.Venkataramana Chetty
West by : Kaluve
North by : Remaining portion of the land bearing Sy.No.98
South by : Property belongs to M.C.Anand Kumar
Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.99/2, measuring 1 Acre 33 Guntas of Vagata Agrahara Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on the:
East by : Vagata Village Boundary
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.100
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.99/3
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.99/1
Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.99/3, measuring 4 Guntas of Vagata Agrahara Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on the:
East by : Vagata Village boundary
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.100
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.98
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.99/2
Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.88/1, measuring 1 Acre 9.08 (9.½) Guntas of Vagata Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on the:
East by : Remaining portion of the land bearing Sy.No.88
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.99
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.98
South by : Remaining portion of the land bearing Sy.No.88
Item No.5: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.88/4, measuring 33 Guntas of Vagata Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on the:
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North by : Land bearing Sy.No.98
South by : Remaining portion of the land bearing Sy.No.88
Item No.6: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.97, measuring 1 Acre 25 Guntas, Vagata Agrahara Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, and bounded on the:
East by : Vagata Village boundary
West by : Road
North by : Vagata Village boundary
South by : Land bearing Sy.No.98
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Bengaluru Date : 02.04.2021

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
520.68	Sensex	50,029.8	₹66	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,620	₹1,200	Per kg	₹68,500	Dollar		73.11
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GST collection hits an all-time high

Gross GST revenue collected in the month of March came in at a record ₹1.24 lakh crore

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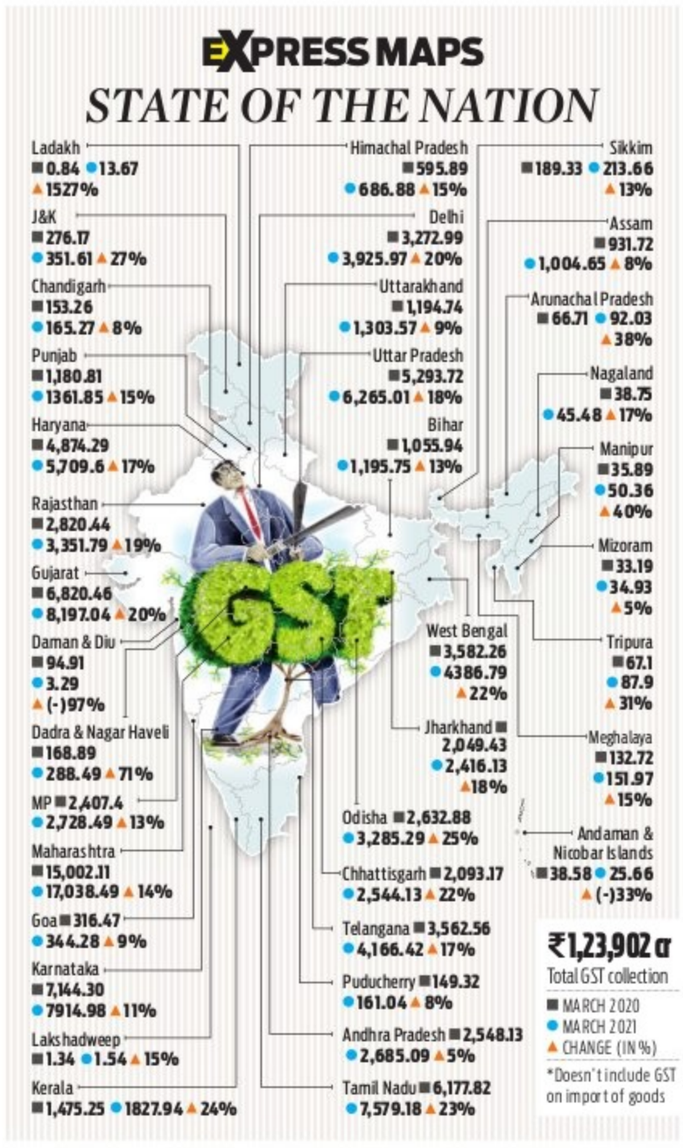
INDIA's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in March 2021 has set a new record on the backdrop of a rapid economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and a strict lockdown necessitated by it. GST revenue for February, which was collected in March, stood at ₹1.24 crore, which was 9.7 per cent higher than the previous month and 27 per cent increase over the previous year. This was also the sixth consecutive month that the GST revenue has stayed above ₹1 lakh crore. The government also attributed the enhanced collections to stricter compliance through e-invoicing, which had made it difficult to evade taxes.

> **Revenues from import of goods were 70 per cent higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) were 17 per cent higher than the previous year**
>
> Finance Ministry

"Revenues during March 2021 are the highest since the introduction of GST. In line with the trend of recovery in the GST revenues over the past five months, GST revenues for March 2021 were 27 per cent higher than the revenues in the same month last year," the ministry of finance said in a statement. According to the finance ministry, closer monitoring against fake-billing, deep data analytics using data from multiple sources including GST, Income-Tax and Customs IT systems and effective tax administration have also contributed to the steady increase in tax revenue over the last few months. Of the total revenue collected, Central GST was at ₹22,973 crore, State GST came in at ₹29,329 crore, Integrated GST at ₹62,842 crore (including ₹31,097 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess was ₹8,757 crore (including ₹935 crore collected on import of goods).

Among states, the maximum year-on-year growth in revenue collection, during the month under review, was recorded by Manipur (40 per cent), followed by Arunachal Pradesh (38 per cent), Tripura (31 per cent) and Jammu & Kashmir (27 per cent). Odisha recorded a growth of 25 per cent. *(see chart)*.

GST collection of more than a lakh crore for six straight months helped the government to mop up ₹11.37 lakh crore in the year 2020-21, which is a contraction of seven per cent when compared to ₹12.22 lakh crore collected during 2019-20. Considering the strict lockdown, however, this number is much higher than anticipated.



Will the rush for retail loans pay off for banking industry?

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RETAIL loans may take over as the largest segment in overall bank credit during 2020-21. The segment, comprising home, auto and personal loans besides others, has already dethroned services sector (outstanding ₹26.6 lakh crore) from its second spot and is trailing behind the industrial segment, which has a narrow lead. Latest data from the Reserve Bank of India shows that outstanding retail loans stood at ₹27.74 lakh crore as on February, just a few notches below industrial credit outstanding at ₹27.86 lakh crore. In percentage terms, retail loans now constitute 29 per cent of the total outstanding loans, while industrial credit comprises 29.1 per cent.

By the time data for the month of March gets published, chances are this could reverse.

But whether the retail segment can retain the top spot and for how long depends on the speed at which industrial credit resumes growth. Currently, industrial credit is witnessing degrowth, but once it gets back to the positive territory, the retail segment will find it tough to keep up the pace as it's made up of scores of small ticket loans and banks have to crank out higher and faster disbursals. On the other hand, industrial loans comprises three sub-segments — small, mid and large — but much of the growth in value terms comes from large industries taking out big ticket loans, translating to fewer number of borrowers.

"Industrial credit continued to degrow at 0.2 per cent in February. However, the pace of deceleration moderated. These trends were expectedly led by large industrial credit and which constitutes 82 per cent of industrial credit and which de-grew 1.5 per cent year-on-year. Micro and small industries also grew at just 1.5 per cent year-on-year," noted Krishnan ASV, sector analyst, HDFC Securities. Within retail, housing, vehicle loans and credit cards are the three biggest sectors. The housing section alone accounted for 52.3 per cent of all personal loans. Overall, the segment grew by 9.6 per cent over the previous year, after hitting a 10-year low at 9.1 per cent in January. This trend was led by home loans, which grew 8.5 per cent, followed by other categories.

UPI transactions cross ₹5 lakh cr in March on digital payments surge

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HOMEGROWN digital payments innovation United Payments Interface (UPI) has processed ₹5.04 lakh crore in transaction value — an all time high — during March 2021, showed data shared by regulator National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). This is a 18 per cent rise from ₹4.25 lakh crore in February.

In terms of volume, UPI has seen transactions on its platform more than double to 2.73 billion when compared to 1.25 billion in March 2020. Also, UPI transactions have jumped by 20 per cent from 2.29 billion in February. For the financial year 2020-21, total transaction value on its network stood at ₹34.19 lakh crore.

When it comes to UPI payments, PhonePe, and Google Pay, have the lion's share. Walmart owned PhonePe, which owns over 40 per cent of the UPI market share, said it has clocked 1.3 billion UPI transactions in March led by digitisation of small brick and mortar stores in tier 2, 3 cities. Rival Google Pay followed with a 40 per cent of the UPI market share even as the tech giant has been criticised for various instances of failed end-to-end transactions for the past few months. Other players like Paytm, Amazon Pay, Whatsapp Pay clocked the 20 per cent of the total UPI market share.

In order to prevent market monopoly, the payments regulator had earlier announced capping UPI transactions at 30 per cent of total volumes for each third party application. This is particularly aimed to provide a level-playing field to smaller players in the segment. Sources, however, said that the top executives at Phone Pe, Google Pay have expressed their displeasure with NPCI's decision. Earlier, the government directed the UPI platforms and banks not to levy charges from merchants (merchant discount rate) for providing payments infrastructure — POS machines.

TECH GLITCH

SBI internet banking, YONO app shut for maintenance

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CUSTOMERS of the country's largest bank, State Bank of India (SBI), were facing issues with online transactions on Thursday. With more users taking to social media to report the issues with logging into the bank's flagship mobile app YONO and some unable to transact using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), the lender has issued a notice on Twitter.

"We are undertaking maintenance activities between 2:10 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. on 1st April 2021 to provide a better digital banking experience. During this period, Internet banking , Yono lite, Yono and UPI will be unavailable. We regret the inconvenience caused and request you to bear with us," SBI said on Twitter. However, it did not account for the outage faced in the first half of the day. According to Down Detector, a website that tracks internet outage, said user reports related to issues with the SBI platform spiked at around 11 a.m. There were over 200 reports at around 12:21 p.m.

This is, however, not the first time that the customers of the bank have faced service outage. In December last year, SBI's digital banking platform 'YONO' witnessed a technical glitch. Users took to social media platforms to complain about not being able to open the app/login.

Taking note of the repeated glitches by both public and private banks, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das had in the past said that there is an urgent need to banks and financial institutions to invest more in their IT system. The regulator has temporarily barred HDFC Bank from launching new digital banking initiatives after taking a serious view of service outages since 2018.

INDIAN SKIES

Interups Inc picks up 49% stake in TruJet

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MARKING a foray in Indian aviation, US-based Interups Inc has picked up a 49 per cent stake in regional carrier Turbo Megha Airways or TruJet via the foreign direct investment (FDI) route. The financial details of the deal, however, were not disclosed as the final investment sum is yet to be finalised.

TruJet, owned by Hyderabad-based MEIL Group, began operations in 2015 and now serves 21 destinations including tier-2 cities with seven ATR-72 aircraft under India's Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme. "The funds raised through 49 per cent FDI in the company, will be utilised to expand its operations pan India and explore the newer opportunities in the civil aviation sector," K V Pradeep, Group Director, MEIL and Palepu Lakshmi Prasad, chairman, Interups Inc, said in a joint statement on Thursday.

Earlier, it had bid for Air India but withdrew its offer as the airline's employees were unwilling to join hands. Interups has also bid for several stressed assets including Lavasa Corporation and Reliance Naval. It had even shown interest to acquire 49 per cent stake in AirAsia India but was rebuffed by the Tata group. The latest investment holds significance as it comes at a time when airlines, big or small, are reeling under severe stress.

PV sales continue northward journey despite Covid-19 spread, fuel price hike

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THE country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) on Thursday reported a 92 per cent year-on-year increase in March sales to 146,203 units. While this growth is achieved over last year's low base when the government had implemented a strict lockdown to curb the Covid-19 spread. Carmakers are also seeing improvement given the increased preference for personal mobility and when the market is flooded with new launches when compared over the previous month.

"MSIL domestic sales in FY19-20 had fallen by 18 per cent due to reasons that are well known and FY21 have been impacted due to Covid-19 related factors. Domestic sales in March 2020 had dropped about 48 per cent. It is seen that domestic sales in March 2021 have only recovered to March 2019 levels," MSIL said in a statement. For the full year, MSIL posted a total sales of 1,457,861 units, which is 6.7 per cent lower than FY20. Its hatchback and compact car sales grew by 2.27 per cent month – on - month to 106,854 units, while those of utility vehicles fell marginally by 2.2 per cent to 26,174 units.

Vehicle dispatches of the country's second largest vehicle manufacturer, Hyundai Motor India Ltd also increased by 1.93 per cent to 52,600 units. Tata Motors saw wholesales jump by 8.9 per cent to 29,654 units while Mahindra and Mahindra's dispatches also rose by 8.5 per cent to 16,700 units.

"The PV industry witnessed a strong growth in Q4 FY21 on a low base with robust demand for personal mobility and new launches driving demand. Tata Motors PV Business posted its highest ever sales in 9-years, in March 21 and Q4 FY21," said Shailesh Chandra, president (PV business), Tata Motors.

However, automakers expect supply challenges to remain for the next 2-3 months and then ease out gradually.

EXPRESS READ

Exports jump 58.23% to $34 bn in March

New Delhi: The country"s exports jumped by 58.23 per cent to $34 billion in March as key sectors such as engineering, gems and jewellery and pharmaceuticals recorded healthy growth rate during the month, according to the Commerce Ministry"s provisional data. Exports during April-March 2020-21, however, dipped by 7.4 per cent to $290.18 billion compared to $313.36 billion in 2019-20. An increase in imports by about 53 per cent to $48.12 billion led to 41 per cent rise in trade deficit, which exporters say is a matter of concern.

Britannia ropes in Urjit Patel as add'l director

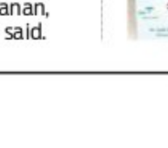
New Delhi: Britannia Industries on Thursday said it has appointed former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel as an additional director with immediate effect. Patel has been appointed as an additional director for a period of five years starting from March 31, 2021 up to March 30, 2026. Patel, was the RBI Governor from September 2016 to December 2018, fulfills the criteria of independence as required under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI Regulations, 2015.

Wadia steps down from Bombay Dyeing

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JEH Wadia has stepped down as the managing director of Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company, the flagship firm of Wadia Group confirmed. In a regulatory filing, the company said that Jeh, son of industrialist Nusli Wadia, would not be renewing his contract as the managing director that expired on March 31, 2021. The development also comes just a week after he stepped down from the leadership role at GoAir.

"In the interim, the day-to-day management of the company will be looked after by Mr Suresh Khurana, CEO (PSF) along with Mr Hitesh Vora, CFO under the supervision of Dr Minnie Bodhanwala, a Director," Bombay Dyeing said in a BSE filing after the conclusion of the meeting of its Board of Directors. Besides, the Strategic Committee of the Board of Directors comprising of chairman Nusli Wadia, Vinesh Jairath and Sunil Lalbhai, both Independent Directors will continue to provide suitable guidance as done hitherto.



Wadia's stint as MD of Bombay Dyeing stretched for nearly a decade. He was first appointed to the post in March 2011.

When Jeh had stepped down from Go Air, the company had given a similar reason for his exit. The airlines had said the key element of the plan was to strengthen the management of the company by bringing on-board proven industry professionals, a strategy that has worked well for the group in its other ventures including Britannia.

The airline, however, said that the 46-year-old would continue as a promoter.

PPT compensates kin of staff who died of Covid-19

Deputy Chairman of Paradip Port Trust, A K Bose, handed over a cheque of `50 lakh to Sabita Lenka, wife and legal heir of Late Trinath Charana Lenka, a contractual dresser of PPT Hospital, who succumbed to Covid-19 in October 2020. It may be noted that due to proactive steps taken by the PPT management and the PPT hospital, in particular, this has been the only loss of life at the port amid the ongoing pandemic.

State-run BEL pays ₹174 cr interim dividend for 2020-21

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) paid `174.43 crore interim dividend for FY21 to the defence ministry, according to an official statement. BEL chairman and managing director M V Gowtama handed over the interim dividend cheque to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Delhi. BEL has declared 140 per cent as interim dividend (`1.4 per share) to its shareholders for the financial year, it said. BEL had paid a total dividend of 280 per cent on its paid-up capital for 2019-20.

Business & Beyond

PSPCL strengthens infra for coming paddy season

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) is strengthening its electrical infrastructure of the villages to ensure power supply to agriculture consumers in the coming paddy season. Chairman and managing director A. Venu Prasad said that PSPCL has made arrangements to meet more than 13,000 MW peak demand during the season. PSPCL has also made power purchase arrangements of around 2400 MW on a short term basis.

FIC inaugurates new chapter in South India

The Foreign Investors Council (FIC) has set up its South India office in Chennai to assist small foreign investors who are keen on participating in the growth story of South India, especially Tamil Nadu. "The Chennai office will work with embassies in Delhi and bring opportunities to cities like Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad," D. Sarvanan, chairman of FIC (South) said.

Bharat Masala Joins "Mo School" campaign

Inspired by 'Mo School Abhiyan', an initiative started in 2017 by chief minister Naveen Patnaik to revamp the state school ecosystem, Bharat Masala has contributed `5 lakh to Biswanath Vidyapith, Athgarh in Cuttack, `1 lakh to Ratnakar Vidya Mandir, Biribati, Cuttack, and `1 lakh to Hansnath Nodal High School, Paramahansa, Cuttack as part of its CSR initiative. In addition to running a successful spice business, the company remains actively engaged in various philanthropic and charitable activities, it said in an official statement.

Aiming at 13.5% CAGR by 2025: Indian Bank CMD

State-run Indian Bank has announced its new vision and mission on Thursday. "By 2024-2025 the bank expects to grow at CAGR of 13.5 per cent. In the current fiscal, we are targeting a growth of 10-12 per cent," said Padmaja Chunduru, MD and CEO of Indian Bank after launching Bank's new Vision and Mission, HR Mission, Chatbot and IB Smart Office. She also emphasized on the importance of the bank's customer-first policy.

Top seed Medvedev follows Osaka out of Miami Open

Top-seeded **Daniil Medvedev** crashed out of the Miami Open on Wednesday. Seventh-seeded Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut beat Medvedev 6-4, 6-2 in the quarters. Osaka had bowed out hours earlier, losing 6-0, 6-4 loss to Greece's Maria Sakkari.

BCCI has positive discussion with govt for tax exemption

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE BCCI has informed the International Cricket Council (ICC) that the Pakistan contingent arriving for the T20 World Cup in India later this year will not have any visa issues and has sought a month's time to hand a formal guarantee. The Indian cricket board during the ICC's board meeting revealed that there have been positive discussions with the Central government not just with regards to visa guarantees but also for tax exemption for the event scheduled for October-November.

It is understood that the BCCI, pointing out to the Indian government's communication to the International Olympic Council that it would abide by Olympic charter, revealed that it is already in discussions with the Centre on issuing visas to all the participating countries. In the recently concluded ISSF Shooting World Cup in New Delhi, there was one shooter from Pakistan who took part in the event. But the bigger development is that the BCCI might even get tax exemption for the T20 World Cup, which has been a bone of contention between the two boards.

The ICC had in fact threatened to take the event away from India if tax exemptions are not guaranteed. However, the BCCI held on to the event by assuring that in case its government doesn't give tax exemption, the ICC can deduct the amount from its annual share. But that is unlikely to happen, following positive discussions between the BCCI and the Central government.

Meanwhile, the ICC's Cricket Committee headed by former India captain Anil Kumble has decided to stick to the existing umpire's call with slight changes to the Decision Review System (DRS). As per the new protocols, for LBW decisions the wicket zone has been lifted till the top of the bails — instead of the existing bottom of bails. The other protocol added with regards to DRS is teams can now check with the onfield umpire if he thinks the batsman is playing a shot before deciding to go for a review. All the interim regulations that came into effect in the post-Covid-19 world will continue for the time being.

The ICC has decide to postpone the inaugural women's U-19 World Cup scheduled to take place in Bangladesh later this year to 2022.

EXPRESS READ

Mahesh to face Todd challenge in final

CHENNAI: Top seed Mahesh Mangaonkar from India overcame compatriot Abhay Singh to advance to the finals of the HCL SRFI Indian Tour. Mahesh posted a 12-10, 8-11, 11-4, 11-9 victory. **Results (Semis)** | Men: Mahesh Mangaonkar (IND) bt Abhay Singh (IND) 12-10, 8-11, 11-4, 11-9; Todd Harrity (USA) bt Karim El Hammamy (EGY) 11-8, 11-9, 8-11, 11-1. Women: Malak Kamal (EGY) bt Rana Ismail (EGY) 11-13, 11-6, 11-2, 12-10; Hana Moataz (EGY) bt Tanvi Khanna (IND) 11-6, 11-4, 9-11, 11-5.

Germany's unbeaten WC qualifying run ends

DUISBURG : Germany's 35-match unbeaten run in World Cup qualifying ended with a 2-1 loss to North Macedonia. It was only the country's third ever loss in qualifying for the World Cup since 1934, the other two coming against Portugal in 1985, when they were West Germany, and 5-1 thrashing by England 20 years ago.

Bubble trouble: Hazlewood exits

Due to severe restrictions during IPL, Oz pacer informs CSK of his decision to withdraw

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

MARK Wood. Dale Steyn. Josh Philippe. Mitchell Marsh. Josh Hazlewood.

It's the growing list of cricketers who have opted to skip the Indian Premier League (in Wood's case he struck his name before the auction) from the sport's richest franchise event. Normally, players aim to play in the IPL to test themselves as well as find areas to get better (the money does help). Especially in a T20 World Cup year.

This season, though, it's different. With two more months of strict bubble life, routine Covid-19 tests and playing in stadia without any crowds, it's up to the players to decide if it's going to be worth the mental toll. The five who have pulled out have decided to spend time with their families ahead of

what's likely to be more bubbles in a taxing year for the sport.

"It's been a long 10 months in bubbles and quarantine at different times," Hazlewood told *cricket.com.au*. "So I decided to have a rest from cricket and spent some time at home and in Australia in the next two months."

The Indian players and support staff, too, have spoken about the complexities of bubble life. Post the Test matches against England, India head coach Ravi Shastri lifted the veil. "I am waiting to get out of this bubble," he had said. "Been six months in the bubble. And you see the same faces day in and day out... it's tough for professional players. when they are under the hammer, it is really tough to get your best and come out there and deliver for your country. And these guys have been magnificent. Australia was good, and this was even better," he said. Skipper Virat Kohli too has touched upon it.

Even if Hazlewood and Mitchell Marsh pulling out so late could affect the franchises' plans, it's worth putting it into context. It's fair to assume that both Hazlewood (he played three matches in 2020) and Marsh (three of Hyderabad's four foreign options are set in stone) wouldn't have played much. You also have to consider whether they are ready to go through an unforgiving two month schedule of stadium-hotel-test-stadium-hotel-test on a loop.

"It's not easy to live life in a bubble," has been a frequent go to phrase for sports psychologists. Not without reason. When you are not able to go out with your colleagues — even to a restaurant or to watch a movie — and know that the only refuge is the games room inside the hotel, even to escape a bad day, it does start to take a toll. This is exactly why the England men's cricket team even created a specific points person on Covid apart from coming up with a unique rotation policy to help players cope with the bubble life.

With a week still remaining for the IPL, it won't be a surprise if a few more players will take calls keeping their mental health at the forefront.

TEAM WATCH | PUNJAB KINGS

IPL 7 DAYS TO GO

It remains to be seen if a change in name from Kings XI Punjab to Punjab Kings will bring a change in fortune for the KL Rahul led side. In the 2020 edition of IPL, after a horrendous run of form, the Punjab outfit staged a late rally which nearly earned them a play-off berth. From releasing Glen Maxwell to snapping up Dawid Malan and investing heavily in the likes of Jhye Richardson, the franchise is looking to get their combinations right this time. The team are one of the strongest on paper — especially batting — but the big question is whether they can come together as a unit.

STRENGTHS

Punjab Kings are one of the most top-heavy teams in the batting department. Their opening pair of Rahul and Mayank Agarwal took IPL 2020 by storm. Rahul scored 670 runs to finish with the orange cap while Mayank struck an impressive 424 runs. Then they have the Universe Boss Chris Gayle who was instrumental in their revival and play-off tilt towards the end of the last edition. Nicholas Pooran also started to come into his own and with the arrival of Dawid Malan, the team are loaded with batting firepower.

WEAKNESSES

Punjab suffered one too many meltdowns in the last edition while defending totals and struggled in the death overs. Sheldon Cottrell getting smashed for five sixes in an over by Rahul Tewatia is still fresh in memory. The problem Punjab has is that they have an inexperienced bowling line-up when compared to other teams. Besides Mohammed Shami, there are not too many who boast sufficient IPL experience. The team broke the bank to acquire the likes of Jhye Richardson and Riley Meredith during the auction but they have no IPL experience. A lot will depend on how experienced campaigners like Shami and Chris Jordan spearhead their bowling while the team will also expect spinners like Ravi Bishnoi and Ashwin Murugan to step up.

Mohammed Shami

THREATS

Keeping their core group of players fit would be the biggest challenge for Punjab. In the last edition, the absence of Gayle in the first half of the tournament was clearly felt. This time the team management will be sweating over the fitness of Mohammed Shami. The team can't afford injuries to key players and injury management would be a top priority for Rahul and Co.

SQUAD: KL Rahul (C/wk), Mayank Agarwal, Chris Gayle, Mandeep Singh, Prabsimran Singh, Nicholas Pooran (wk), Sarfaraz Khan, Deepak Hooda, Murugan Ashwin, Ravi Bishnoi, Harpreet Brar, Mohammed Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Ishan Porel, Darshan Nalkande, Chris Jordan, Dawid Malan, Jhye Richardson, Shahrukh Khan, Riley Meredith, Moises Henriques, Jalaj Saxena, Utkarsh Singh, Fabian Allen, Saurabh Kumar.

TEXT BY: MARTIN JOSEPH

Oly-bound paddlers chart course amid second wave

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

INDIA'S four Olympic-bound paddlers have returned from Doha and have started preparing for Tokyo. However, due to the evolving Covid-19 situation, they have had to make multiple contingency plans in case one of them do not work out. Most players have ambitions of training abroad and playing competitions before July but that might be tough. Europe is the favoured destination, but the situation with regards to virus is pretty grim.

With regards to tournaments, ITTF are locked in discussions with Chinese government regarding creating a bubble and conducting two WTT events in May. Quarantine rules have proved to be a roadblock. While the government favours quarantine of 14 days, the world body are trying to bring it down to three-four days. Keeping these factors in mind, G Sathiyan has taken the risk of travelling to Poland to play in the Polish Superliga. "Lack of competitive matches in build-up to Olympics is a headache. Playing here against quality opponents in a high-pressure situation will be a boost," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client Mr.Bishanu Kumar Khemka S/o Nathmalji Khemka, aged about 60 years, R/at: No.20, Maharshi Devendra Road, Calcatta-007. PRESENT ADDRESS: No.242/D, Ward No.6, Narayaswamy Layout, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District. He has lost his original registered sale deed Vide registered document No.3504/1989, dated:22/06/1989 registered in the office of Hosur, in respect of property bearing Plot No. 11, formed in Sy No.708.

In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 06/11/2020 before the Inspector of police, Anekal Police station and the police taken complaint on file on 06/11/2020 in C-MISS No. 195/2020, that my client has not created any charge over the properties covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after 7 days from the date of this public notice.

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IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MISC. No. 3154/2020

BETWEEN : 1) **Sri. Chikkaiah,** S/o Chikkaiah, Aged about 72 years, R/at No.3944/e, 4th Main, 17th D Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru 560070. 2) **Smt. Chikkamma,** w/o Srinivas, Major in Age, R/at 249, 4th Cross, 10th Main, Hanumanthapura, Bengaluru-560019. 3) **Smt. Padma,** W/o Gangappa, Major in Age, R/at No.1, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560026. ...**Petitioners**
AND : 1) **The Tahasildar,** The Registrar of Births & Deaths, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru ...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Tahasildar, The Registrar of Birth and Death, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the father of the Petitioners by name as **SRI. CHIKKAIAH** S/o Late Kumappa, who was died on 28-05-1964 at No.2CA-19, Near Kempegowda Medical College, Padmanabhanagara, Bengaluru and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate. It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other Legal Purposes.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter may appear before the above court at **11.00 A.M. on 16/04/2021** to which the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court this 01/04/2021.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT Sheristedar, Court of the XXVI ACMM, Bangalore
G. R. RAVEESHA, Advocate, No.25/1, Anand Nivas, 3rd Cross, 6th Main, Ganchinagar, Bengaluru 560009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client/s have entered into an arrangement with the owner M/s.Bricks & Milestones, a Partnership Firm having its Office at No:1140, Fourth Floor, Seventeenth Cross, Fifth Main, HSR Layout, Seventh Sector, Bangalore - 560 102, represented by its Partner Sri.Kiran Venugopal Reddy and Smt.Nithya Reddy Rajupeta to purchase undivided right, title, share and interest over property bearing No:444/103, RDPR No:150200400400220016 (land measuring 34.5 Guntas in Sy.No:103, old portion of Sy.No:45, situated at Mullur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, converted vide Official Memorandum dt:04-04-2015 vide No:ALN(EVH)SR/293/2014-15 and Revised Official Memorandum dt:17-01-2018 vide No:ALN(EVH)SR/293/2014-15, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) presently situated at Mullur, Kodathi Gram Panchayath Limits, Bangalore East, bounded on the East by :Property in Sy.Nos:95, 104 & 105, West by : Property in Sy.No:45, North by : Property in Sy.No:94 and South by: Sarjapur Bangalore Road;

Any, person/s, having any claim over the above property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within Ten (10) days hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction as a bondafide purchaser for a valuable sale consideration. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;

[N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA]
K S NAYAK | N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980,
17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE - 560 070; Ph : 97313 33880
Dt:01-04-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public, that my client Mrs. K.R. Roopa, wife of K.V.Raghavendra, R/a No.JP 22, 6th Cross, LIC Colony, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560011, is the absolute owner of the property bearing Site No. 1140, in 1st Block, BTM 4th Stage (D.C.Halli) Bangalore measuring East to West 6.09 Mtrs and North to South 9.14 Mtrs, and bounded on East by: Site No.1141, West by: Site No.1139, North by: Site No.1152, South by: Road, further state that, recently she has noticed following title document of Allotment Letter dated 28.03.1998, Deed of Relinquishment dated 30.09.2005, GPA dated19.09.2005 along with other documents has been Miss-Placed or lost the original document while traveling from Home to Bank and a police complaint has been lodged to that effect.

It is requested to the general public that if anybody comes across with the said original document, the same may be returned to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication and also the General Public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/ Misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my clients will not be held responsible in any Manner for any such transactions.

SHRUTHI .R.J, Advocate
Office at No.219A/11, Ground Floor, 54th Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560 010. Ph: 9620988784

IN THE COURT OF XXXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU CITY (CCH-39)
Ex. No. 2025/2020

Between: Smt. Girija Siddappa, represented by her SPA Holder **PRADEEPA H.R.,** S/o Late Ramanna H.N. aged about 28 years, residing at No. 1319, 'Girija Nivas', 2nd Cross, KHB Colony, Govindarajanagar, Bangalore-560 040 ... **Decree Holder**

And Dr. M.S. Sangapur ... Judgement Debtor

NOTICE IN TERMS OF ORDER XXI RULE 66 OF CPC

To, JDR: Dr. M.S. Sangapur, Father Name unknown, aged Major, Last known address: "GIRIJA NIVAS", No. 1319, 2nd Cross, Second Floor, KHB Colony, Govindarajanagar, Bangalore-560 040.

WHEREAS, the Decree Holder has filed an application seeking a proclamation of sale by public auction of movables belonging to you in Ex. No. 2025/2020 as per the list under inventory upon the court order dated: 20.03.2021 pending before this Hon'ble Court.

WHEREAS, you are hereby given notice of the same to appear before this Hon'ble Court, (CCH-39) on **23.04.2021** at 11am in person or through advocate for your say, if any, failing which the said application would be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 01-04-2021.

By order of the Court, Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for the Decree Holder:
Sruti Chaganti,
No. 11, 1st Floor, KSH Building, 2nd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009.
Ph: 78994 82758

IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MISC. No. 3153/2020

BETWEEN : 1) **Sri. Chikkaiah,** S/o Chikkaiah, Aged about 72 years, R/at No.3944/e, 4th main, 17th D Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru 560070. 2) **Smt. Chikkamma,** w/o Srinivas, Major in Age, R/at 249, 4th Cross, 10th Main, Hanumanthapura, Bengaluru-560019. 3) **Smt. Padma,** W/o Gangappa, Major in Age, R/at No.1, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560026. ...**Petitioners**
AND : 1) **The Tahasildar,** The Registrar of Births & Deaths, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru ...**Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Tahasildar, The Registrar of Birth and Death, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the mother of the Petitioners by name as **SMT. NINGAMMA** W/o Late Chikkaiah, who was died on 15-10-1953 at No.2CA-19, Near Kempegowda Medical College, Padmanabhanagara, Bengaluru and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate. It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other Legal Purposes.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter may appear before the above court at **11.00 A.M. on 16/04/2021** to which the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court this 01/04/2021.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT Sheristedar, Court of the XXVI ACMM, Bangalore
G. R. RAVEESHA, Advocate, No.25/1, Anand Nivas, 3rd Cross, 6th Main, Ganchinagar, Bengaluru 560009.

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
COM. O. S. No. 450 / 2019 (CCH 90)

BETWEEN : M/S T. FIROZ & COMPANY
Shop premises No.7, Ground Floor, No.21, K M Lane, Sri. Meenakshi Complex, S P Road Cross, Bangalore 560002. Represented by it proprietor Firoz T Totanawala ...**Plaintiff**

V/S

M/S GINZER INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED, #482, 2nd Floor, 80 ft Road, HMT Layout, Near R T Nagar Bus Depot, Bangalore 560032. Represented by its Directors
Mr. Ravipati Tarak Raghunath &
Mr. Ravipati Murthy ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, the above plaintiff has filed above suit for the relief of recovery of money for Rs. 8,89,821/- with 18% interest against you before the Hon'ble Court, Hence, you are here by warned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-90) in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **9th day of April 2021 at 11.00 A.M** in forenoon to show cause against the petition failing where in the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court this 26th day of March 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
Asst Registrar,
City Civil Court at Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE XXX ADDL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Crl. Mis. No. 1224/2021

BETWEEN: Smt. Nagarathna And others ...Petitioner
AND: The Commissioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP Bengaluru, to Register the date of death of the mother of the petitioners by name Smt. Kempamma, W/o Late. Ramaiah who died on 24/12/2016, at No.73, 1st Main, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the XXX Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Bengaluru, in **11.00 a.m. on 3.5.2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal the court this 31.03.2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XXX ACMM Court, Bangalore City.

Advocate of Petitioner : **G.V. Shankar,** Advocate No. 39/41, Kempanna Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXX ADDL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
Crl. Mis. No. 1225/2021

BETWEEN: Smt. Nagarathna And others ...Petitioner
AND: The Commissioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP Bengaluru, to Register the date of death of the father of the petitioners by name Ramaiah, S/o Late. Pujappa who died on 30/07/2007 at No.73, 1st Main, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the XXX Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Bengaluru, in **11.00 a.m. on 3.5.2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal the court this 31.03.2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XXX ACMM Court, Bangalore City.

Advocate of Petitioner : **G.V. Shankar,** Advocate No. 39/41, Kempanna Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032.

IN THE COURT OF THE XI ADDL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU
Crl. Mis. No. 50038/2021

BETWEEN: Smt. Dhanalakshmi ...Petitioner
AND: The Commissioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP, Bengaluru. ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above have filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner Registrar of Birth and Death, BBMP Bengaluru, to Register the date of death of the Husband of the petitioner by name Sri.Anand P, S/o Panneer Salvam, who died on 21/09/2020, at Flat No.208, Shaithi Dasly, 7th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Banasavadi, Bengaluru-560043.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the XI Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Mayo Hall at Bengaluru, in **11.00 AM on 17/04/2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and seal the court this 31.03.2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XI ACMM Court, Bangalore City.

Advocate of Petitioner : **G.V. Shankar,** Advocate No. 39/41, Kempanna Layout, Cholanayakanahalli, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-560032.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby informed that, my clients Sri Venkatesh R. and Sri. Rakesh .R, both sons of late Ramesh, R/a No. 228, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Byrappa Block, Thyagarajnagar, Bangalore-560028, have lost the previous owner's original Document relating to the title deed i.e., original sale deed dated 01-08-1968 bearing Document No. 1251/1968-69 of Book-I, Volume 771 at pages 6 to 7 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, executed by Sri Muniswamappa alias chonakappa in favour of Sri Kambaiah and has lodged a complaint to the jurisdictional Police Station. If anybody found this Document please handover to me to the following address.

B. SUBRAYA KHARVI, Advocate
No. 231, 11th Main 37th Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

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E-TENDERS: On Behalf of the President of India, the Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works)

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Estimated Value in ₹.
1	W.496/ RWF/ YNK/956	Zonal works: Additions, alterations and improvement to the existing structures, supply of building materials, cleaning of GLRs & OHTs etc in colonies of RWF for a period of 1 year.	10783813.14
			Closing Date & Time : 26.04.2021 at 11.00hrs

Detailed tender notice can be viewed on our website **"www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in".**

Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Tower, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Abbas (Borrower) Mrs. Bushra (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004684713	**Site No- 215** Property-1 Schedule All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Vacant Residential Plot No.215 Bearing Unique Code No.15220040103302411 4, Rammanahalli Village Panchayat Khatha No.1739/1703/215, Formed In The Schedule 'b' Property Situated At Rammanahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, Mysore Taluk And District, Karnataka State- 570019 In The Developed Residential Villas Layout Known As "SMILEE VIEWS" Developed On The Entire Schedule "A" Property Described Hereinabove Together With Rights Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface, And Land Area Of Of 1972 Sqft Bounded on The North: Plot No.216 South Private Property East: Plot No.230,231 West: 10 Meter Road	Rs. 35,58, 233.02/- (as on March 18, 2021)	Rs. 13,70, 000/- / Rs. 1,50, 000/-	April 03, 2021 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM	April 27, 2021 From 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
2.	Mr. Abbas (Borrower) Mrs. Bushra (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004684713	**Site No- 214** Property 2 Schedule All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Vacant Residential Plot No.214, Bearing Unique Code No. 15220401033024113, Rammanahalli Village Panchayat Khatha No.1738/1702/214 Formed In The Schedule 'B' Property Situated At Rammanahalli Village, Kasabahobli, Mysore Taluk, And District, Karnataka State- 570019 In The Developed Residential Villas Layout Known As "SMILEE VIEWS" Developed on The Entire Schedule "a" Property Described Hereinabove Together With Rights Appurtenances Whatsoever Underneath or Above The Surface. And Land Area of 1954 Sqft Bounded on The North Plot No.213 South: Private Property East:10 Meter Road West: Plot No.199	Rs. 35,58, 233.02/- (as on March 18, 2021)	Rs. 13,60, 000/- / Rs. 1,50, 000/-	April 03, 2021 From 10:00 AM To 11:00 AM	April 27, 2021 From 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM
3.	Mr. Arunkumar C T (Borrower) Mr. C T Manjunath (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004912373	**Site No- 682** Property-1 Schedule All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Vacant Residential Plot No.682 Bearing Unique Code No. 15220401033025046, Rammanahalli Village Panchayat Khatha No.1851/1815/682 Formed In The Schedule 'b' Property Situated At Rammanahalli Village, Kasabahobli, Mysore Taluk, And District, Karnataka State-570019 In The Developed Residential Villas Layout Known As "SMILEE VIEWS" Developed on The Entire Schedule "a" Property Described Hereinabove Together With Rights Appurtenances Whatsoever Underneath Or Above The Surface And Measuring An Extent of: East To West: 12.00 Meters North To South: 10.56 Meters Measuring In All: 126.85 Square Meters I.e. 1365 Square Feet And Bounded On The East By: Plot No.683 West By: 10 Meter Road North By: Plot No.681 South By: Private Property	Rs. 40,47, 003.02 /- (as on March 18, 2021).	Rs. 9,60, 000/- / Rs. 1,00, 000/-	April 03, 2021 From 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	April 27, 2021 From 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM
4.	Mr. Arun Kumar C T (Borrower) Mr. C T Manjunath (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004912373	**Site No- 683** All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Vacant Residential Plot No.683 Bearing Unique Code No.15220040103302504 7, Rammanahalli Village Panchayat Khatha No.1852/ 1816/ 683 Formed In The Schedule 'B' Property Situated At Rammanahalli Village, Kasabahobli, Mysore Taluk And District, Karnataka State-570019 In The Developed Residential Villas Layout Known As "smilee Views" Developed On The Entire Schedule "A" Property Described Hereinabove Together With Rights Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath Or Above The Surface And Measuring An Extent of: East To West: 12.3 Meters North To South: 12.78 Meters Measuring In All: 157.28 Square Meters I.e.1693 Square Feet	Rs. 40,47, 003.02 /- (as on March 18, 2021).	Rs. 11,80, 000/- / Rs. 1,20, 000/-	April 03, 2021 From 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	April 27, 2021, From 01:00 PM To 02:00 PM
5.	Mrs. Venkatalakshmi M (Borrower) Mr. M Shashikumar (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00004960245	**Site No- 421** All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing Vacant Residential Plot No.421, Bearing Unique Code No. 15220401033024282, Bearing Rammanahalli Village Panchayat Khatha No.1771/1735/421, Formed In The Schedule 'B' Property Situated At Rammanahalli Village, Kasabahobli, Mysore Taluk, And District, Karnataka State- 570019 In The Developed Residential Villas Layout Known As "SMILEE VIEWS" Developed On The Entire Schedule "A" Property Described Hereinabove Together With Rights Appurtenances Whatsoever Underneath Or Above The Surface., Measuring An Extent of: East To West: 9.31 Meters North To South: 13.72 Meters Measuring In All: 127.73 Square Meters I.e. 1375 Square Feet Bounded On The East By: Plot No.422, West By: Plot No.420 North By : Private Property South By: 12 Meter Road	Rs. 18,21, 075.02 /- (as on March 18, 2021)	Rs. 9,60, 000/- / Rs. 1,00, 000/-	April 03, 2021 From 01:00 PM To 02:00 PM	April 27, 2021 From 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website **(URL Link- https://disposalhub.com)** of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited.** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **April 26, 2021** before **05:00 PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythree Tower, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **April 26, 2021** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, SP1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythree Tower, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **April 26, 2021** before **05:00PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/ 8008999536** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** on **9810029926/ 01244233933**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd.** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: April 01, 2021
Place: Mysore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

South Korea is reviewing whether to approve rapid coronavirus tests that can be taken at home and produce near-immediate results as another tool to fight the pandemic. Authorities had previously been reluctant to expand the use of rapid antigen tests and other forms of fast testing, which could produce results within 30 minutes but are less accurate than lab tests.

India vaccine delay can be catastrophic: Africa CDC

MEDICINE

DAKAR: Africa is unlikely to meet its targets for vaccinating the continent against COVID-19 if supply delays from a key Indian manufacturer continue, the director of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned Thursday.

Dr. John Nkengasong told a press briefing that officials hope the problems at the Serum Institute of India will only be temporary otherwise "it would definitely impact our ability to continuously vaccinate people."

"I really want to deliberately hope that it is a delay — not a ban — because that would be catastrophic," he said.

More than half of the 29.1 million vaccine doses received by African nations so far have come through the global COVAX initiative, which aims to ensure that low- and middle-income countries have fair access to vaccines. COVAX has largely relied on distributing the AstraZeneca vaccine, because it is cheaper and only requires ordinary refrigeration.

But the Serum Institute of India recently announced that as many as 90 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine destined for COVAX worldwide will be delayed through the end of April as India's government grapples with a spike in infections among the country's 1.4 billion people.

Nkengasong said it is not yet known what impact the uncertainty might have for scheduling second doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine in African countries.

No let-up in US hunger crisis

HEALTH

The US is starting to claw its way out of the economic fallout from Covid-19, but food insecurity persists, especially for children and older adults. Food banks around the US continue giving away far more canned, packaged and fresh provisions than they did before the virus outbreak. For those who are now back at work, many are still struggling, paying back rent or trying to rebuild savings. Data from Feeding America, shows its members dispensed far more in the last three months of 2020 compared with the same period in 2019.

Coins may solve mystery of 'enemy of all mankind'

Pirate who led massacre of pilgrims aboard Indian ship in 1695 disappeared into mists of history; new clues now pick up his trail

HISTORY

WARWICK: A handful of coins unearthed from an orchard in rural Rhode Island and other random corners of New England may help solve one of the planet's oldest cold cases.

The villain in this tale: a murderous English pirate who became the world's most-wanted criminal after plundering a ship carrying Muslim pilgrims home to India from Mecca, then eluded capture by posing as a slave trader.

Jim Bailey, an amateur historian and metal detectorist found the first intact 17th-century Arabian coin in a meadow in Middletown. That ancient pocket change — the oldest ever found in North America — could explain how pirate Captain Henry Every vanished into the wind. On Sept. 7, 1695, the pirate ship Fancy, commanded by Every, ambushed and captured the Ganj-i-Sawai, a royal vessel owned by Indian emperor Aurangzeb, then one of the world's most powerful men. Aboard were not only the worshipers returning from their pilgrimage, but tens of millions of dollars' worth of gold and silver. What followed was one of the heinous robberies of all time.

Historical accounts say his band tortured and killed the men aboard the Indian ship and raped the women before escaping to the Bahamas, a haven for pirates. But word quickly spread of their crimes, and English King William III — under enormous pressure from a scandalized India and the East India Company trading giant — put a large bounty on their heads.

"If you Google 'first worldwide manhunt,' it comes up as Every," Bailey said. "Everybody was looking for these guys."

(Clockwise) A 17th century Arabian silver coin that research shows was struck in 1693 in Yemen, a Spanish half real coin from 1727, an Oak Tree Shilling minted in 1652 by the Massachusetts Bay Colony | AP

Until now, historians only knew that Every eventually sailed to Ireland in 1696, where the trail went cold. But Bailey says the coins he and others have found are evidence the notorious pirate first made his way to the American colonies, where he and his crew used the plunder for day-to-day expenses while on the run.

The first complete coin surfaced in 2014 at Sweet Berry Farm in Middletown, a spot that had piqued Bailey's curiosity two years earlier after he found old colonial coins.

Waving a metal detector over the soil, he got a signal, dug down and hit literal paydirt: a darkened, dime-sized silver coin he initially assumed was either Spanish or money minted by the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Peering closer, the Arabic text on the coin got his pulse racing. "I thought, 'Oh my God,'" he said.

> **Jim's research is impeccable. It's cool stuff. It's really a pretty interesting story**
>
> Kevin McBride, a professor of archaeology at the University of Connecticuty

Research confirmed the coin was minted in 1693 in Yemen. That immediately raised questions, Bailey said, since there's no evidence that American colonists struggling to eke out a living in the New World travelled to anywhere in West Asia to trade until decades later.

Since then, other detectorists have unearthed 15 additional Arabian coins from the same era — 10 in Massachusetts, three in Rhode Island and two in Connecticut. Another was found in North Carolina, where records show some of Every's men first came ashore.

An old royal proclamation declared Every and his crew as enemies of all mankind (from Latin, *hostis human generis*).

NAP TIME

A Royal Bengal tiger at the Delhi Zoological Park after the site reopened for visitors on Thursday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Scientists cancel test flight to blot out the Sun

CLIMATE

STOCKHOLM: US and European scientists have called off a controversial balloon test flight that was to take place in Sweden's far north in June, part of a disputed solar geoengineering experiment to artificially cool the planet.

A team of Harvard scientists had been planning to launch a high-altitude balloon from the Esrange Space Station in the Swedish town of Kiruna, to test whether it could in future carry equipment to release solar radiation-reflecting particles into the Earth's atmosphere.

The project has been dubbed SCoPEx, short for "Stratospheric Controlled Perturbation Experiment".

A gondola at a Harvard University facility in Cambridge, Massachusetts, that was to be tested on a balloon over Sweden for eventual possible use in releasing sunlight-reflecting aerosols into the Earth's atmosphere | YOMAY SHYUR VIA AP

Mimicking the effect of volcanic eruptions, the project's supporters say the technology should be studied to see if it could become a method of combatting global warming.

But the project, like geoengineering itself, has raised concerns among both scientists and environmentalists who say the technology is dangerous and risky.

Critics fear the injection of particles into the stratosphere could damage the ozone layer and disrupt ecosystems.

"The scientific community is divided regarding geoengineering," the state-owned Swedish Space Corporation (SSC), which operates Esrange, said in a statement issued late on Wednesday.

Following dialogues with experts, stakeholders and Harvard University, "SSC has decided not to conduct the technical test flight planned for this summer." A special committee set up by Harvard to study the societal and ethical aspects of the project had also called for the test flight to be postponed in order to review the implications for Sweden's indigenous Sami people and Sweden in general.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Gaming tech on soldiers' heads

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft has won a nearly $22 billion contract to supply US Army combat troops with its augmented reality headsets. The technology is based on Microsoft's HoloLens headsets, which were originally intended for the video game and entertainment industries. Pentagon officials have described the futuristic technology as a way of boosting soldiers' awareness of their surroundings and their ability to spot targets and dangers. Microsoft's head-mounted HoloLens displays let people see virtual imagery superimposed over the physical world in front of them.

Reinfection criteria set out

RESEARCH

Two positive tests at an interval of at least 102 days with one interim negative test have been defined as SARS-CoV-2 re-infection by Indian scientists for establishing surveillance systems, as per an ICMR study. But a confirmation of the re-infection will require a whole genome sequencing. The study in the *Epidemiology and Infection* was done with the objective to develop an epidemiological case definition of possible re-infection and assess its magnitude. There is no consensus regarding the working definition of re-infection, genome sequencing being the only confirmation.

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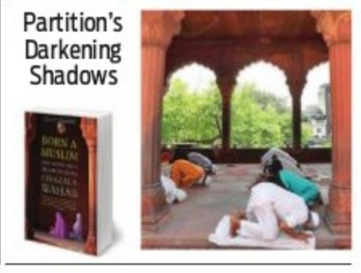

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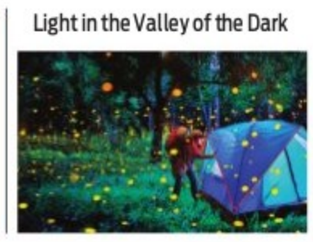

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